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Former Rackhams building will be demolished

PARKING PLAN FOR OLD STORE

Report by Lisa Wright

THE building which once housed the Rackhams department store in Wolverhampton will be bulldozed to make way for city centre parking.

The landmark building, which used to also house Netto and offices above, will be pulled down and the site cleared to extend the current pay-and-display car park in Snow Hill by an extra 65 spaces.

It comes as part of plans to regenerate the Summer Row area of the city centre, which has been in limbo ever since a £300 million shopping centre project was scrapped in 2011. The council wants to clear up the area and attract new investment.

In a planning report, the authority said the demolition of the building was the way to go as it did not make economic sense to try to repair it. It is hoped the demolition will also reduce the risk of theft, vandalism and rough sleeping. A new height barrier will be installed at the main entrance, which will remove the risk of travellers setting up camp.

Risks

The planning documents reads: "The scheme will remove a large vacant dilapidated property from within the city centre with its associated risks and provide 65 additional public parking spaces.

"This is seen as a medium-term use for what would otherwise be a vacant city centre plot while the future of the south side of the city is being decided."

The car park will be accessed from the existing council-owned Temple Street car park.

Rackhams closed in 1992 and Netto shut in 2009. The building also used to house the city's archives and local studies service.

It is also planned to spruce up Cleveland Street and its surrounding roads to make the area as attractive as possible.

City assets boss, Councillor Peter Bilson has described the site as a 'key area' and has said he hopes it will encourage people to come forward.

The council acquired the building from Multi, the developers behind the Summer Row plan. In 2011, it was revealed taxpayers forked out £50,000 to bring the building back up to standard.

The Summer Row project had been more than six years in the making but failed to come to fruition when Multi UK failed to find a backer after a consortium funding half the cash collapsed.

TON-UP JOY FOR INDEPENDENT WOMAN BLANCHE

Blanche Fisher with floral gifts and a telegram from The Queen as she celebrates her 100th birthday in Bilston

A WOMAN who was born in Jamaica and turned 100 in Bilston has put her long life down to hard work and independence.

Blanche Fisher, of Cherrywood Green, was born in Gayle, a small town in the St Mary's area of Jamaica and moved to Kingston with her family at a young age.

Her life changed forever when she met William Fisher, a 'real Wolverhampton lad' who travelled to Jamaica with the Sherwood Foresters, a line infantry regiment of the British Army.

They fell in love and Blanche moved to England with William in the summer of 1939. But then the Second World War was just about to break out.

Blanche said: "I had just moved to a new country where everything was very strange to me. I remember when we arrived, I asked William what the smoking things coming out of the roofs of the houses were, I just had no idea about what life was like in England.

"He was a real Wolverhampton lad and I knew I could rely on him to help me settle in.

"Then when the war broke out, he had to go and fight. It was such a horrible time."

Her husband was captured as a Prisoner of War. When he eventually returned home he was 'a different man', she said, weighing only half what he did when he went off to fight.

The pair moved to Jamaica together for a short time, before returning to England in the 60s. William died of a heart attack 30 years ago.

Blanche loves reading and sewing and says: "I am a very independent person, I don't want anyone waiting on me.

"I may be 100 years old now but I still like to be independent to the best of my abilities."

PROSPECTS

The way ahead for job opportunities

JOBS are up for grabs at Wolverhampton's £6 million new Youth Zone The Way ahead of its opening in 2016.

The unit will be open to thousands of city youngsters and include facilities such as five-a-side football, music, dancing and basketball.

Bosses are looking to recruit 100 volunteers as well as permanent staff. Apply online at www.thewayyouthzone.org

To find out more about volunteering opportunities, contact Andrew Walker via Andrew.Walker@thewayyouthzone.org

POLITICS

City MP resigns as frontbencher

WOLVERHAMPTON North East MP Emma Reynolds has resigned from Labour's front bench over new party leader Jeremy Corbyn's criticism of the European Union and Nato.

She said she had 'major policy differences' with Mr Corbyn, who has been critical of the way the EU has treated Greece during its financial crisis. Miss Reynolds also differs with him on Britain's role in the military alliance Nato, which Mr Corbyn blamed for prompting Russian aggression against Ukraine.

TRAGEDY

Driver is killed in collision on A449

A MAN died after the car he was driving was involved in a crash with a HGV near Coven.

Peter Twyford, aged 41, of Cavendish Gardens, Wolverhampton, was killed after his Vauxhall Zafira crashed with an articulated lorry parked in a lay-by on the A449 southbound, near junction 2 of the M54 on Saturday. Emergency services were called at 4.45am.

Police are continuing to investigate the circumstances of the crash.

Witnesses should contact Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident 124 of September 12.

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Dass life! Former mayor reveals all

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Royal tale to mark film group birthday

The Friends of Bilston Town Hall

A FILM group is celebrating its second birthday with a right royal tale.

The Friends of Bilston Town Hall started its bi-monthly film afternoons two years ago, as the group felt the building was not utilised enough by people in the area.

On Monday (September 21), they will be showing A Royal Night Out, the story of Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret celebrating VE Day in London.

Co-ordinator Astrid Hupperdine said: "It is becoming a social afternoon with many meeting old friends and making new ones." It costs £3.50 to attend the screenings, which includes the cost of the 'Reels on Wheels' service.

The numbers have been steadily growing, with about 80 people attending the sessions. The group has to raise funds for other costs, including advertising and tea and coffee.

The afternoons feature recent releases, and past films have included The Great Gatsby and What We Did on Our Holiday.

Highlights in the past have been a sell-out screening of Jersey Boys, with the showing of War Horse for the First World War centenary also a full house.

The hall can take 100 people for each showing, so people are encouraged to book in advance.

A Royal Night Out will be screened on September 21, with doors opening at 1pm.

Tea and coffee is available, and to celebrate the special occasion cupcakes will also be provided.

Tickets can be purchased from Bilston Town Hall reception in advance, at the door, or call 07855 817596.

Beggar made threats to slash throats over 60p

A BEGGAR who threatened to slash the throats of a couple who would not give him 60p has been jailed.

David Mwangi was standing outside Asda when he approached the couple as they waited for a taxi.

He said he needed 60p to make a phone call and when they twice refused to hand over any cash, he said he would slash their throats, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mwangi had breached an anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) banning him from begging on six occasions, the court was told.

Mr Ian Windridge, prosecuting at court, said: "At the second refusal he said he would slash their throats.

"At this point he had his hands in his pockets making the impression he had a knife."

Mr Windridge told the court that prior to asking the couple for money, Mwangi, a drug addict, had approached a security guard at the store who also refused to hand over money and he told him to move away.

During police interview, Mwangi accepted he had been at the store near Molineux but said he was only talking to his friends.

He has a 'considerable record' with a number of convictions for begging, the court heard.

Mr Jon Roe, defending Mwangi, said it was thankfully a brief incident. Mwangi has had a drug and alcohol problem for several years, he said, and it was 'not going to be an easy task to break'.

During sentencing, Judge Stephen Eyre QC, said the ASBO had been issued in October.

"Five occurred after the events of December 17," Mr Eyre said. "Even after your arrest you continued to breach it.

"The pre-sentence report makes it quite clear that you see, in effect, nothing wrong with your behaviour in begging.

"You went beyond mere begging, there was aggressive behaviour and threats...including a threat to slash someone's throat."

Mwangi pleaded guilty to two counts of breaching an anti-social behaviour order and threatening behaviour and was sent to jail for 32 weeks.

Chick this out, players serve up treat

Wolverhampton Wanderers footballers cooking and waiting on for supporters at Nando's

A PERI-peri chicken and a selfie with a Wolves star was on the menu at a city restaurant.

The fundraiser was held at Nando's chicken restaurant – Wolves official mascot sponsors – in aid of the club's community trust. It is hoped to have raise more than £1,000.

Players took orders, cooked and served the food at the Queens Street premises. Midfielder Tommy Rowe was on cooking duty while target man Benik Afobe helped serve the 80-or-so season ticket holders in attendance. Other players included Jordan Graham, Ethan Ebanks-Landell, Jed Wallace and Jack Price.

Price said: "It's for the community and the kids really, say hello to the fans and stuff. It's good for us to spend time with the mums and dads and kids to socialise.

"I'm not really a regular visitor to Nando's – I used to come a lot more when I wasn't in the first team. It feels nice when people come and ask for pictures and you see the smiles on their faces."

Kylie Watson, aged 30 from Telford, has been a season ticket holder at Wolves for six years. She said: "It's really exciting to see the players like this. It's my daughter's birthday tomorrow so this makes a great early birthday present."

As well as the food, there was also a raffle which included prizes donated by the players such as a signed football and a pair of Nike white football boots.

Star ratings system will be launched for landlords

A NEW star system to rate landlords in Wolverhampton will be introduced next year.

Landlords will be given a rating of between one and five stars by the city council according to the standards of their properties and their compliance with the law from April 2016.

Those who are given a five-star rating will not have to pay for any non-mandatory licences, while the lowest ranked landlords will be made to comply with stricter rules in an effort to improve their rating.

Wolverhampton is the first city to try out the new rating system, which will work in a similar way to how restaurants and takeaways are regulated by the Food Standards Agency.

Councillor Peter Bilson, cabinet member for city assets, said: "Standards need to be improved across the board and we need to stop the exploitation of people whose choices are limited.

"This five-star system is both innovative and should make a real difference to improving the quality of private sector rental property in Wolverhampton as we continue to regenerate the city.

"The detail is now being developed in consultation with partner agencies and landlords."

The idea was first discussed at a scrutiny board meeting in July and met with a mixed reaction from councillors.

Work to start on homes at old pub

WORK is due to start on a housing development at the site of a former pub.

In May, Malvern Estates was given planning permission by Wolverhampton council to demolish the The King Charles in Cromwell Road to make way for the scheme.

Bushbury North councillor Ian Angus said he had been in direct contact with Malvern Estates and had been advised that construction work on the site is due to start within the next three or four weeks. Residents had expressed concern about the pub falling into disrepair and attracting anti-social behaviour.

The 14 homes will comprise two detached three-bedroom houses, two semi-detached three-bedroom dwellings, and 10 detached four-bedroom properties with internal garages.

Everest explorer is subject of talk

HISTORIAN Greig Campbell gives a talk on Bilston, Everest and the Abominable Snowman at Wolverhampton City Archives on October 14.

The free talk, at 5pm, is on Charles Howard-Bury, ex-Prisoner of War, botanist and explorer, who was MP for Bilston in the 1920s. He led the 1921 British Mount Everest reconnaissance expedition' mapping out routes which were later used to conquer the peak.

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MP drops in to hail taxi firm set up by villager

AN MP visited a new taxi firm that was set up using Government funding.

Conservative MP for South Staffordshire Gavin Williamson visited new Perton business Parkway Cars.

It was set up by Matthew Hadley, who after holding driver jobs with Codsall Cars and a Wolverhampton firm, decided to start his own firm in South Staffordshire.

Since the launch of the Perton based company on July 8, he has been kept busy with airport pick-ups and local work. He is currently the sole driver but has plans to expand in the coming months with the addition of a second vehicle.

To help with setting up the business, Mr Hadley used the Birmingham office of Startup Direct, a delivery partner of the Government's Start Up Loans Scheme.

The scheme provides up to £25,000 in funding for entrepreneurs wanting to start a business.

Mr Williamson said: "It was brilliant to see the successful launch of a local, professional company here in Perton. Matthew provides a great service for local people across South Staffordshire, driving people to the airport as well as doing a lot of local work.

"The business is a great example of the success of the Government's Start Up Loans Scheme. I wish Matthew all the best for the company and look forward to hearing the success from his expansion plans, which I'm sure will come soon."

New pub hopes at Prince Albert

LICENSING bosses say the building currently occupied by The Prince Albert could become another bar or nightclub – but it must be properly managed and not jeopardise visitors' safety.

The venue's licence was revoked amid violent incidents and reports of gangs and drug dealing. It plans to contest the decision, but say they will move to another venue outside the city should the appeal fail.

Licensing committee chairman Councillor Alan Bolshaw said: "It is important that our historic buildings can complement new developments in the centre and be an integrated part of the city's broader leisure offer, but they must be properly managed and not jeopardise the safety of visitors."

Late shuttle bus to hospital axed

THE free patient and staff shuttle bus between New Cross and Cannock Chase hospitals has scrapped its later services due to lack of use.

The final Arriva X68 will leave Cannock at 6.30pm, instead of 9.40pm.

Tweet Stears player to offer refund

Joe Bromley with his shirt

A LIFELONG Wolves supporter couldn't believe his luck when former captain Richard Stearman said he would reimburse him for the shirt he had just bought with his name on it.

Fan Joe Bromley will meet the former Wolves player when his new team Fulham comes to Molineux on January 12.

After Stearman wished his colleagues 'good luck' before their home win against Charlton on August 29, Joe cheekily tweeted the defender asking him not to leave as he had spent £62 on his 'Stears 4 Ballon d'Or' Goalkeeping top, which he bought just before the start of the season.

To Joe's surprise Stearman tweeted him back requesting to reimburse the Wolves fan on his 'great effort', asking Joe, from Gornal, to direct message him so something could get sorted.

With a little help from Wolves media relations manager Paul Berry, both Joe and Richard Stearman will now meet on the pitch at Molineux, with Joe's shirt being signed by the player.

South Bank season ticket holder Joe, 30, who has collected more than 30 home and away shirts over the years, said: "It's mind blowing, it's going to be great to meet the man himself.

"I didn't want him to give me the money, it's a very kind offer though. It's crazy that this has all come from a cheeky tweet and now I'll be meeting him soon."

Joe – who last week married his partner Kerry, 27, at Patshull Park, Pattingham, has been buying the goalkeeping top for the last three or four years and this season decided to get 'Stears 4 Ballon d'Or' on the back as a joke between his fellow Wolves fans.

The Ballon d'Or is the annual award given to the European Footballer of the Year.

Health trust ditches Foundation status bid

THE trust that runs Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital has ditched its bid to become a Foundation Trust.

The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, which also runs Cannock Chase Hospital, had previously stated its intention to become a Foundation Trust, but had had to postpone the application a number of times.

But now it has emerged that the trust will no longer be making the bid.

The news comes after the trust was ordered to improve following its latest inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

Trust bosses say the decision was made in March and not as a result of the latest CQC report.

Foundation hospital status gives hospitals greater control of their affairs and funding.

Trust chief executive David Loughton said: "We have just taken over half the first failed Foundation Trust in the country and to be quite honest we have got too much going on to pursue Foundation Trust status at the moment. It doesn't change anything.

Transition

"The bottom line to it is in the last two years with what we had to do at Stafford we just couldn't take anything more on."

He added: "The organisation has gone from £177 million turnover to £520m– that's massive expansion. The other issue that gets in the way of a Foundation Trust application is that we can't predict a balanced financial plan for the next five years because with the transition at Stafford we got additional funding for 29 months and now there's only 22 months left. There's got to be a financial solution to the financial problem in Staffs. If that funding dries up, you've got a problem."

In 2012 health care regulator Monitor decided to defer the trust's bid for Foundation Trust status after a report by the CQC found essential standards were not being met.

The 2012 CQC report criticised the hospital's surgical procedures checklist and number of 'never' events which are problems in patient safety that should have been prevented.

And, following an inspection in June, the Care Quality Commission said The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust 'requires improvement'.

Mr Loughton said he was 'disappointed' with the rating and that an action plan had been put in place.

The scene of the blaze in Hickman Avenue

Garage and gym gutted in blaze

MORE than 60 firefighters tackled a blaze which gutted a car repair garage and a martial arts gym.

Thick smoke could be seen around Wolverhampton city centre after the fire broke out in the garage on Hickman Avenue, on Saturday at around 2.30pm.

West Midlands Fire Service is treating the blaze as an accident. It was caused by an angle grinder cutting up cars' chassis.

A 38-year-old man was injured after trying to tackle the flames. He suffered one per cent burns to his left leg. Several others were treated for smoke inhalation.

A total of 65 firefighters attended and remained overnight. Around 20 people were evacuated from the garages and the nearby Chillington Working Men's Club.

Station commander Mal Fellows said the fire quickly spread to other units.

The Ryoku martial arts centre was gutted with a large amount of equipment going up in smoke.

Owner Conrad Brissett, aged 46, said he estimated the damage to be up to £40,000 but was defiant another place could be found.

NEWS IN BRIEF

60s star to take stage at Robin 2

A TALENTED guitarist who has worked with the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Elton John will perform in Bilston next month.

Andy Fairweather Low, who with Amen Corner had 60s hits with Bend Me, Shape Me, If Paradise Is Half As Nice and Hello Suzy, will take to the stage at the Robin 2 on October 18.

The Welsh guitarist will perform with his band The Low Riders, with support from former Ocean Colour Scene guitarist Andy Bennett. Tickets cost £20. Call 01902 401211 or visit therobin.co.uk

Auctioneer to sit in bath of beans

A FUNDRAISER with a twist will see items auctioned off to raise money for Kyle's Dream – with the auctioneer sitting in a bath of beans.

The auction will take place at the Rocket pub, Meldon Drive, Bilston, on October 13 from 7.15pm. Wolverhampton businesses are donating goods and all proceeds raised will go toward the Kyle's Dream campaign.

It was started by Bilston's 16-year-old Kyle, who is autistic, to raise money for one last family holiday. His mother Louise Glover, aged just 33, has terminal cancer.

Officers targeting drug use in area

DRUG dealing and use is being targeted by police in part of Wolverhampton.

Officers in the Heath Town neighbourhood are taking enforcement action around the Hickman estate, Wednesfield and Park Village areas.

Sergeant Martin Hewitt said the issue had become a continuing priority. He said: "Enforcement action will continue by the team with regards to street level dealing and premises used for drug dealing."

Group's new show is made in Dagenham

AN amateur theatre group has announced its next show.

West Bromwich Operatic Society, fresh from performing Andrew Lloyd Webber's blockbuster musical Sunset Boulevard, at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, have announced they will be putting on Made in Dagenham from May 24-28.

The musical comedy was inspired by the true story of female workers standing up for their rights in Essex's Ford factory in 1968.

Crackdown launched

A DOMEHAWK camera has been installed to clamp down on anti-social antics including drinking and playing football and loud music. Graiseley neighbourhood officers have received complaints about incidents in Merridale Street West and Lennox Gardens in Lime Street.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

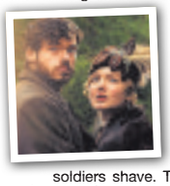
INTERESTING, isn't it, how we reveal our opinions about the monarchy in the way we describe the Queen? Do you think of her as the "longest-serving" monarch or the "longest-reigning"?

A NUMBER of you have pointed out that if we had a republican system we might well be ruled over by President Blair and First Lady Cherie. If that happened, there wouldn't be all this agonising about when the Chilcot Report would be published. Never.

MY local bargain-basement shop is asking a mere 99p for its magnetic car tax-disc holders. Good luck with that.

TWENTY thousand Syrian refugees over five years is nothing. Britain could absorb that number in a single month and barely notice it. So why has David Cameron opted for such a tiny figure, exposing himself to finger-wagging? Probably because he has done the bigger sums. The 20,000 from Syria is in addition to the 620,000 newcomers who arrive in Britain each year legally, plus the untold hundreds of thousands who come illegally. Those who accuse Britain of pulling up the drawbridge ignore the fact that the drawbridge was dismantled years ago.

I AM convinced there is a military-misrepresentation department in the BBC whose job is to irritate old soldiers by slipping deliberate mistakes into TV drama. What else could account for basic errors such as squaddies saluting each other while wearing civilian clothes, as seen in Sherlock, or Private Mellors (Richard Madden) sporting a full beard in the First World War trenches in Sunday's adaptation of Lady Chatterley's Lover? British soldiers shave. Tricky to say but easy to remember.



BRITAIN is not exactly Tornado Alley, is it? We may get a few gales per year but the Met Office's plan to give them all names, as in the United States, seems wildly over the top. The pilot scheme this winter will have alternating male and female names, running from A to Z . The theory is that giving a storm a name increases public awareness. Really? Or is the truth that we just like copying whatever the Yanks do? Here's an all-British alternative which avoids any confusion and spares us the effort of selecting suitable names. We will have Storm One, Storm Two, Storm Three, and so on. Simples, innit?

AS the eternally cash-strapped NHS scratches around to fund weekend GP care and hospital cover, I spotted an advert for a couple of non-executive directors for one trust. The pay is £12,000 per year – but you only have to work four days a month. That's the way the money goes.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Probe into health trust finances

AN investigation has been launched into the finances of a Black Country healthcare provider.

The Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, which provides support for people suffering from mental health problems and learning disabilities across Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall, has recorded a larger than planned deficit – with trust bosses predicting finances could get worse over the coming years.

Health sector regulator Monitor will carry out a report into the financial risks taken by the trust, the challenges it now faces and what can be done to improve the situation.

Marianne Loynes, regional director at Monitor said: "We have launched this investigation to find out more about the financial situation at the trust and to establish what can be done to improve things for those who use its services. No decision has been taken about whether further action is required and an announcement on the outcome of the investigation set to be made in due course."

The trust employs more than 2,000 people.

Karen Dowman, Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust chief executive, said: "Our financial sustainability continues to be our biggest challenge.

"We are not alone in facing this challenge.

"We have already started a programme of activity to identify cost-savings and improve our financial sustainability, and to put in place safeguarding checks to ensure efficiencies do not compromise care."

Play area investigation as consent 'not given'

By David Callaghan

AN investigation has been launched after it was revealed that consent was not granted for a vandal-hit playground that has made residents' lives a misery.

People have called for the removal of the play area on Bilston's Duke Park estate following vandalism, graffiti and nuisance motorbikes.

A council planning officer has now revealed that the authority did not approve the scheme by Barratt Homes. A full investigation has been launched ahead of a council meeting on November 6.

The playground was built nearly two years ago and between January 2014 and February 2015, some 58 police logs were recorded at the site, with complaints of vandalism, graffiti, broken equipment and cars being driven around the land. Vehicles have been set on fire, pornographic imagery drawn on play equipment and youths riding motorbikes close to homes.

Residents are still calling for the closure of the park and have submitted an 85-name petition.

At a petitions committee meeting last week, planning officer Ian Holliday said the council did not approve plans to develop the park as it stands today.

He said: "As far as I'm aware, Barratt Homes put forward a plan for the playground under the section 106 agreement but the finer details of how exactly the park would be built were left out to both residents and the council. This issue will now need to be fully investigated."

Paul Coles, senior technical manager for Barratt Homes West Midlands, said the company would 'seriously looking into this news with a full investigation'.

Bilston East councillor Stephen Simkins said: "If it really is the case and the playground wasn't approved, then we really need to get to the bottom of it."

When the petition was submitted in April, council bosses decided on a six-month probation period before a decision was taken.

Natural burial ground now opened

Back, Lord Wrottesley and William Ginns, Natural Burial Company chairman. Front, Gavin Williamson MP

A TREE planting ceremony and white dove release marked the official opening of a new natural burial ground near Wolverhampton.

The Natural Burial Company has opened its Wrottesley Park site and will see around 100 burials a year.

Plans for the site, in Wrottesley Park Road, Perton, were approved by South Staffordshire District Council two-and-a-half years ago.

People can be laid to rest in a cardboard coffin or have a holly bush instead of a headstone. Graves will have wooden posts with a small plaque that naturally wear away over the years.

Saturday's launch was attended by representatives from 20 funeral homes and dignitaries including councillors and South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson. He said: "You can really see how it is very much more appealing than a normal cemetery which is more formal."

Other memorials families can choose from include an oak tree or bird or bat box.

Measuring almost eight acres, it has around 2,000 burial spaces. There will be around 100 burials a year, with a single plot costing £850 and a double £1,700.

The site cost more than £30,000 to set up, the majority of which spent on clearing a vast area of scrub woodland known as Corser's Rough, formerly a temporary Second World War military base demolished in the 1960s.

The site is a partnership between land owner Lord Clifton Wrottesley and the Natural Burial Company.

Free parking introduced for bonfire at race track

FREE parking and discounted advance tickets have been introduced for this year's Wolverhampton Bonfire and Fireworks Night.

The event will be held at Wolverhampton Racecourse for the first time in its history on Thursday, November 5. It will feature a children's display at 7pm, followed by the lighting of the bonfire and the full fireworks display from 8.30pm.

Gates open at 5pm and there will also be food and drink and fairground attractions.

Councillor John Reynolds, the council's cabinet member for city economy, said: "We are pleased to be able to continue Wolverhampton's biggest and best fireworks display at this new venue.

"There is ample parking, it is dry underfoot and there will be a great view wherever you stand – particularly if you are in the stands.

"We know parking was often difficult around West Park and it could be wet and muddy once in the park. The racecourse addresses those issues and we look forward to seeing lots of people there, young and old alike."

Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 per child in advance, or £5 and £3 on the gate.

Crime numbers fall in city centre

THE number of crimes in Wolverhampton city centre fell to a year-low level in July, new figures reveal.

There were 195 crimes recorded by police in the city centre in July, compared with the year's previous lowest figure of 198 in May.

The year's highest figure was 270, posted in March.

The bulk of crime committed in July took place in the Mander Centre, where 22 offences were recorded including incidents involving theft from person, shoplifting and public order offences.

A suspect has been charged with arson and criminal damage following one incident in the centre.

Overall the city centre saw 33 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour, 42 offences involving violence or sexual offences, 15 involving drugs and 12 cases of criminal damage and arson.

One suspect was charged with possession of a weapon following an incident in Garrick Street.

Business school still running on schedule

WOLVERHAMPTON University's new business school building is still on course to be completed in October.

University spokesman James Allen said work was still under way at the site in Molineux Street and that everything was running to schedule.

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Courses for teachers to up school standards

TEACHERS in Wolverhampton are to be given extra training to drive up standards in the classroom.

Wolverhampton Council's school standards service has teamed up with Edge Hill University in Lancashire to offer five leadership and development courses during the next year.

The leadership programmes will give school leaders the chance to develop their own skills for the benefit of their pupils.

They will focus on various aspects of education, including preparing for Ofsted inspections, supporting existing and aspiring headteachers and developing the skills of governors.

Education boss, Councillor Claire Darke, said: "We've done a lot to improve school standards in Wolverhampton over the last few years, and these bespoke leadership and development programmes will continue this excellent work."

Last month, it was revealed that a total of 43 headteachers will reach the early retirement age of 55 by 2020 and approval has been given to use £299,600 of funding from the Local Education Partnership in 2015/16 for a training and development programme to transform the leadership of city schools.

The figure includes £124,440 to bring in specialist headteacher trainers from Edge Hill.

Councillor Darke said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership with Edge Hill University and the Local Education Partnership (Inspire) on this project."

Petition asks to take in refugees

AN online petition has been launched calling for Wolverhampton Council to offer sanctuary to refugees.

The Refugees Welcome in Wolverhampton' petition has been set up by Mary Solomon and says: "We ask that Wolverhampton City Council shows that we are a welcoming and compassionate city by committing to offer sanctuary to at least 50 refugees fleeing conflict in the Middle East and Africa.

"We must act now."

It comes after new figures show the number of Syrians who have fled abroad since the outbreak of civil war in their country has risen to more than four million.

The petition can be found on Wolverhampton council's petitions page.

Homes earmarked at old garages site

HOMES are being recommended for former garages in Willenhall.

Land at the rear of The Square, Lichfield Road, New Invention, has been identified as suitable for properties following a council review.

Hoard warning as home ravaged in fire

Theb blaze in Neachells Lane

FIRE chiefs have warned of the danger of hoarding after a severe blaze gutted a terraced house in Wednesfield. The home in Neachells Lane was completely destroyed.

The job of the 15 firefighters battling the flames was made more difficult by the number of possessions blocking passageways and cluttering the staircase. The hoard included more than 60 cigarette lighters.

It slowed their progress in what was initially believed to be a race against time to save a man reportedly trapped inside. He was later found safe in the back garden. Crews from Fallings Park, Bilston and Willenhall attended. The blaze took hold at around 4.30am last Wednesday.

Fallings Park Watch Commander Andy Morgan said: "This call was a perfect example of how operational fire crews are making the West Midlands safer but hoarding makes it difficult for them when they enter properties.

"It encourages vermin and creates a general danger by increasing the fire loading of the property."

Willenhall Watch Commander Richard Wood added: "We had an anxious quarter of an hour until we knew the occupant was safe. Ceilings had come down and a person could have been lying concealed anywhere in the property. The heat was intense and although we got crews in very quickly it was not easy to move around because of the amount of stuff in passageways."

Wolverhampton councillor Paul Singh, who lives in nearby Bolton Road said: "It was good news to hear that the occupant got out in one piece."

Dementia patients die after care home move

TWO elderly dementia sufferers died within weeks of moving out of care homes in which are earmarked for closure.

Pennfields Court and Bushbury Court are set to close in October following a decision by Heantun Housing not to renew its contract with the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The move means that 25 vulnerable residents have been forced to find new homes.

But two of the eight residents at Bushbury Court died shortly after moving out, it has been revealed.

Health professionals have warned that a change in environment can drastically reduce the life expectancy of dementia sufferers, with a new unfamiliar environment said to cause anxiety.

Tim Jennings said his 92-year-old mother Dorothy was unable to eat and became weak as soon as she moved out of her home of eight years to a new flat in Atholl House, Tettenhall.

"The move had a catastrophic effect on my mom and her health deteriorated rapidly," he said. "As soon as she left Bushbury Court she barely ate a morsel. She became very upset and struggled with her breathing.

Comfortable

"She had been extremely happy and settled in Bushbury Court. The staff were fantastic with her and it was a place where she felt comfortable."

Mr Jennings said he was called to Atholl House on August 22 following staff concerns over her breathing pattern.

"I was holding her hand during her last breaths," he said. "I'm absolutely heartbroken.

"The decision to close the homes did not serve the best interests of the people living there.

"I was dreading the impact any move would have on my mom and now my worst fears have been realised."

Earlier in the same month another elderly female resident died within a week of leaving Bushbury Court.

Heantun bosses say they had no choice but to close the homes as the facilities were no longer fit for purpose under new quality standards.

A joint statement from Heantun Housing, which is part of the Accord Group, and the Wolverhampton CCG said: "We would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Jennings at this sad time."

Angela and Garry Morton celebrate being shortlisted for the Camra Pub of the Year and in the Good Beer Guide at Hail to the Ale, Tettenhall

Mini-pub drinks to Camra success

ONE of the smallest pubs in the West Midlands has been voted the best in the region by the Campaign for Real Ale, just two years after it opened.

Micropub Hail to the Ale in Wolverhampton, was converted from a former furniture shop and post office by Gary and Angela Morton, of Essington's Morton Brewery. It was the first micropub to open in the West Midlands metropolitan county area.

Camra selected Hail to the Ale, in Pendeford Avenue, Claregate, for the regional launch of its Good Beer Guide 2016.

Licensee Angela said: "When we opened we just aimed to get in the Good Beer Guide in our first five years, but we made it last year in our first year of opening and are featured again this year."

Gary said: "We are gobsmacked to have got this far."

Hail to the Ale only opens 25 hours a week spread from Thursday to Sunday and offers four real ales.

The winner of Camra's Pub of the Year will be announced in February.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New city centre taxi rank backed

A NEW taxi rank will be put in place in Wolverhampton city centre.

Revellers will be able to get a cab from Skinner Street between the hours of 11pm and 7am.

The plans mean a restriction on allowing vehicles to wait on Skinner Street at any time would have to be lifted.

Councillor Peter Bilson, cabinet member for city assets, said: "What we are doing is utilising an area we know is available to help support the night time economy.

"The plans have been approved and we will be looking to implement this change as soon as possible."

Football team sponsor steps in

A YOUTH football team has secured last-minute sponsorship ahead of the new season.

Bilbrook Juniors North under 8s was founded last year and plays in the Stourbridge League under manager Matt Ireson.

The team had struggled to find a sponsor, but now Caterpillars Nursery from Claregate has stepped in.

The Green Lane based nursery has provided the team with a new home, at Wobaston Road, and training jackets.

Playground in line for £80k revamp

A PLAYGROUND is in line for an £80,000 makeover as part of a regeneration scheme.

The council was being recommended to approve the plans for Bushbury Memorial Recreation Ground at a meeting of the cabinet resources panel this week.

It is also hoped the revamp will attract potential developers to the surrounding area. Funding for the project will come from the Housing Revenue Account.

Firefighters coax man down from tree

POLICE and firefighters spent two hours talking a man down from a tree in Wednesfield.

He climbed 20ft up into the branches alongside Wednesfield Road at Bentley Bridge at around 6.30pm last Tuesday and refused to come down.

Watch Commander Andy Morgan from Fallings Park fire station said: "With patience and perseverance we managed to talk him down. We were there for about two hours before the incident ended safely."

Dance classes back

ADULT dance classes are returning after a long summer break. The classes, run by the Fusco Academy of Dance, are held every Tuesday from 6.30pm at the Bradmore Community Centre, Bradmore. Call Anna Fusco on 01902 756411 or 07713126218 for more details

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Cameron's blindness to needs of provinces

NO doubt David Cameron's unfortunate quip about folk from different parts of Yorkshire hating one another because they had put so many rival bids in for government cash was a casual aside, never intended to offend anybody, and which will probably be quickly forgotten.

It does, though, give an interesting insight into how little understanding the London-centric political class has of provincial Britain.

It seems Mr Cameron was surprised that people in different parts of Yorkshire had different priorities, and wanted money for their own localities rather than cutting a deal among themselves about where the money should go. But Yorkshire is a huge county. Just how would pouring money into the south of the county, which is basically the East Midlands, benefit somebody in the Dales?

It's no different here. While there is a lot of talk about devolution at the moment, it all sounds like anything but. Instead of local councillors looking after their own patches, we are pretty much being told that the only way the West Midlands will get the sort of money that London does is by forming some kind of regional authority. While it might not be called "Greater Birmingham", that is inevitably how Westminster will see it.Last week the West Midlands' new transport plan was announced, which was as predictable as it was depressing. High speed rail and a glitzy new station for Birmingham, and oh, yes, a few bendy buses for Sandwell and Dudley. That will kick-start the Black Country economy, won't it?

London-centred politicians assume that the rest of Britain really wants to be like London, and that fiercely independent towns and cities with very little in common bar an accident of geography, can all be lumped together to form some sort of artificial region.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Wonderbra tycoon Michelle Mone on her elevation to the House of Lords. But don't you think it's a shame that Lord Sewel was booted out before he ever got the chance to try out her latest lines?

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WOLVERHAMPTON'S former Netto store looks set to face the bulldozers. The Scandinavian supermarket chain was told to move out in 2007, to make way for the Summer Row scheme which never went ahead, and in 2011 the council spent £50,000 on repairs to the property.

Wulfrunians will no doubt be very pleased that the eyesore building, previously home to the Clarkson and later Rackhams department stores, is now to finally bite the dust.

And eight years after Netto was forced to close its doors, maybe somebody could finally get round to removing all the road signs for the supermarket?

Some pupils playing out the life-saving procedures

Trainer Chris Greenaway with children at Leamore Primary

Thomas Welch and Elliot Hill, practise the recovery position

Saving lives is child's play for young pupils

ROB GOLLEDGE follows the initiative by St John Ambulance to spread the word on first aid to Black Country youngsters

SCREAMS of 'help' come from the computer room in Leamore Primary School.

"Wake up, wake up, wake up," shouts one pupil frantically. But there is no need to be concerned.

The Year 4 pupils are taking part in a first aid course run by St John Ambulance.

"What we do with pupils is teach them skills that will help them deal with things that they may come across, including asthma, choking and bleeding," says Nick Pitt, the charity's schools co-ordinator.

"It gives them the confidence to deal with a situation. It gives them many vital life-saving skills.

"We have done courses with 7,500 children since January and hope to have seen 15,000 by the end of the year."

St John Ambulance runs courses at schools for pupils from seven years old to 18.

The ultimate aim is to train two million children a year by 2018.

Lesson

This year St John is aiming to train 15,000 youngsters in the West Midlands and 250,000 nationally.

And earlier this year 410,000 children took part in The Big First Aid Lesson which was hosted by Claudia Winkleman.

St John Ambulance research shows that seven out of 10 pupils wouldn't know what to do if someone they knew was hurt, and yet the majority say they would like to learn first aid.

As the nation's leading first aid charity, St John Ambulance believes that every young person should have the chance to learn vital life-saving skills.

Mr Pitt said: "They always love it. They become very engaged and particularly excited when we come along. It connects to other aspects of their learning and is a life-saving skill they remember.

The classes aim to build pupils' confidence, especially if a friend of theirs is taken ill

"Having first aid training added to the curriculum is something we campaign for. Before the General Election we had four out of the five main parties support it and have it in their manifestos. Unfortunately it was the Conservatives who were the only ones not to support it. So we still have some work to do."

During the session, the pupils are engaged and diligently complete each task. The school is encouraging pupils to take on more responsibility and first aid will form part of that.

Michelle Hill, interim head at Leamore Primary School, said: "Teaching the pupils first aid is part of our aim for them to take on bigger responsibilities. We are creating a series of jobs pupils will have around the school on some of those roles will be first aiders.

"Those children who have completed this training will be able to apply for those jobs. They will be given a uniform and be on first aid duty at break and lunch times.

"First aid is a life skill and the pupils will benefit hugely from it. It is also away of demonstrating to them that there are different types of training they can do and is another career path they could go down.

"It builds up their confidence and equips them with the necessary skills to take action if they come across someone in need. I absolutely support the case for first aid to be taught in schools. It is a skill for life that can make a difference where ever they are."

St John Ambulance also runs popular Badger, Cadet, and Rise, groups for those aged from five to 25 where youngsters learn first aid skills and are able to put them to the test.

But it is not just all first aid. The groups also go camping, try out arts and crafts and take part in team games and activities. The Black Country has the lowest number of people trained in first aid in the country. Just 13 per cent of adults would be able to act swiftly to take potentially life-saving action in the immediate moments after an accident or an injury.

The Express & Star has teamed up with St John Ambulance to boost the numbers of trained first aiders.

It is offering 50 per cent off the price of an essential first aid course from St John across the Black Country and Staffordshire.

The initiative is part of St John's Save A Life September campaign.

The charity launched a comical video starring comedian Rufus Hound to kick things off. He stars in the video as a hapless teacher, whose lack of first aid skills not only leads to disastrous consequences but also demonstrates why everyone should learn a lesson for life.

St John believes that with a few simple first aid skills, anyone can be the difference between life and death.

Save a Life September teaches thousands of people these life-saving skills for free, through online first aid videos, hundreds of first aid demonstrations at shopping centres, train stations, stadiums, town centres, and by distributing 100,000 free first aid guides so everyone can remember the key five ways to save a life.

Rufus said: 'St John Ambulance is a tremendous organisation and working with them has been super fun.

"I'm delighted to be supporting Save a Life September. Although the campaign video is funny, the message behind it is serious: it's never too late to learn how to save a life.

"Everyone should find their nearest free first aid demo and learn the skills that could one day rescue someone close to them.'

Courses are run at St John centres in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell, Halesowen, Oldbury, Brierley Hill, Kidderminster, Stafford, and Rugeley. They last for three hours and cover emergency situations such as choking, sever bleeding, chest pains, and a step-by-step instruction on resuscitating someone.

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Residents fight Clock House plans

An artist's impression of what the new residential development in Stockwell Road, Tettenhall would look like

DEVELOPERS behind controversial plans for more than 20 retirement apartments in Tettenhall have lodged an appeal – but residents say they will continue to fight the scheme.

McCarthy and Stone's plan to build 22 flats at 5 Stockwell Road, known as 'the Clock House', was unanimously rejected by Wolverhampton council's planning committee in June.

But the developers have now lodged an appeal with the planning inspectorate, setting residents a deadline of September 29 to make any submissions about the scheme.

Back in June, members of the planning committee turned down the proposal, saying the new homes would be out of character for the village and the site was part of the conservation area.

The plans prompted discontent among residents, with more than 230 objections made to the council and a petition carrying more than 160 signatures submitted.

Reasons for the objections included an potential increase in traffic on Stockwell Road and connecting roads; loss of trees and natural habitats; insufficient parking provision and a view that more retirement homes are not needed in the village.

It also goes against the Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan, residents say, and would be the first development to impinge on Tettenhall Green.

Neighbouring resident Alex Murray, who started the 'Save Tettenhall's Open Spaces' Facebook group and campaign, said the next step was for those opposing the development to send their objections to the inspectorate by the end of the month.

A public meeting was 'pencilled in' for late October and Mr Murray encouraged people to attend and share their views. "There are enough residents that are totally unhappy about it, and the council turned it down on conservation grounds," he said.

Darren Humphreys, regional managing director at McCarthy and Stone Midlands, said: ""We consider the site is ideally suited to deliver much needed new homes for older people, a growing local housing need."

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Lives at risk over cuts to policing

WEST Midlands Police Officers who are being forced to drive to emergencies without sirens, and are not allowed to break the speed limit or cross red lights in emergencies due to cash cuts, are rightly frustrated.

Criminals will be allowed to escape the law; the police will not be able to arrive as quickly as possible, therefore crime will be up.

Police officers are the very people we call upon when we are in trouble, so they need our support, sirens, extra cash and a little common sense from the Government which is making the cuts. What about the idiots who decide to drive at high speed the wrong way on a motorway on purpose; police need speed and sirens which are vital in this case.

Extra cash is needed now, to enable the police to protect the public as many people's lives will be put at risk. Money could be saved from the students who do not return to their home when their visas run out from the UK, and are using the NHS and other freebies.

Perhaps the Government could use their energy finding these people.

J LEWIS
Pattingham

Cuts impact on country

WE are told that this country is so overcrowded that we have no more room. How many council properties are there across the country that are 'void', empty because they do not meet the standards expected by people on council waiting lists?

If refugees were offered these properties, I suspect their expectations would be much lower than many that have already refused them.

The problem then is the lack of facilities available to support refugees, school places, health services etc. The Government is committed to squeeze these services even further. The number of refugees coming in will not impact on services the way Government cuts will.

D STEELE
Wolverhampton

Elderly are scapegoats for savings

ARE the public of Wolverhampton aware of what is about to happen in relation to elderly care within the city?

The Labour council wants to wipe its hands clean of providing funding for its local authority run respite and resource care centres for older people living in the city. If these proposals are passed all care will be provided by the private and independent sector.

It is a disgrace that these proposals have gone to consultation because of the council's management of its finances, making the elderly of Wolverhampton scapegoats just to find extra savings. Maybe they should look elsewhere to find savings.

Councillor Evans categorically stated on the day Louise Watts was removed from Underhill House that this situation would not happen again and that no older person would be removed from any local authority run home against their will. Obviously the word of the Labour council means nothing.

J LEM
Wednesfield

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No progress, just anarchy, with two parties to blame

WHAT has happened to law and order in this once proud country of ours? Oh for the good and bad old days of the 1950s where the police had horses, dogs, and were over six feet tall and six across; a formidable force to contend with.

Where the elderly were respected, babies were looked after by families not the state. Murder was rare.

As I see it today it's back to the 'jungle'. It's not progress today it's anarchy.

Two parties are to blame. The last Labour Government with 'politically correct' where free speech 'civil liberties', there are people in this country who certainly do take liberties at the expense of many. This government for cuts in the police force.

What a time for police cuts when there are people coming into this country from Europe who do not respect law and order. They see this country as easy pickings. It's too late to pull up the 'drawbridge' the 'Trojan horse' is already here.

B LAWLEY
Bilston

Help is needed for homeless of our own

WHILE it's excellent to see that European and the British governments are going to help foreign refugees, I worry why there are still thousands of European, Christian background homeless in the UK?

It appears the government is going to find houses and flats for the new arrivals. Why then can't it house our own homeless and poor? Don't they matter? The Pope has asked for parishes to rally round for the Syrian refugees.

If the churches in Great Britain opened their community centres at night and ran soup kitchens (run by Christian volunteers) it would go a long way towards helping the British homeless people in Great Britain, and the new migrants too. Night shelters will be much needed in the near future in the UK.

J O'NEIL
Wolverhampton

Clubs shouldn't give in to blackmail over stars

AGAIN we have the unedifying spectacle of a WBA player demanding a transfer to a 'bigger' club. At least this time the man didn't get in his car and drive off down to London.

On a serious note WBA have nurtured and developed this young man's career. They are entitled to retain his services whilst he's under contract. They shouldn't give in to blackmail to sell their stars.

The prospective buyers have managed to unsettle him and then, by all accounts, offered a figure for his services that doesn't meet WBA's valuation. Especially when you consider that they offer a fairly 'low' deposit with the balance paid over several years - and even that is 'performance related' (whatever that means).

Well done Mr Peace for sticking to your guns. Now we have the PFA 'meeting' with the club, the player (and presumably his representatives) to mediate in this 'dispute'.

Look it's not rocket science. The employee wants out. His employer says no.

He is under contract. He goes onto social media claiming, allegedly, that he will not play for his chairman again. Solution? Apology from player? Then get down to getting back into the team after any suspension and fine from the club.

Will this happen? I don't know. But the 'people in London' who have created this situation sit back without having to answer for their part in these shenanigans.

M GOUGH
Wombourne

Fans feel noize as Slade rock

I WOULD just like to thank Wolverhampton Racecourse for booking Wolverhampton rockers Slade on September 5. What a great gig. They never disappoint their fans.

I have been rocking with Slade now for 45 years. If there is a better rock and roll fun band than Slade, I haven't seen them yet. When they finish a gig, you know that you've had a great night.

Only the brilliant Slade could sing 'Merry Xmas Everybody' on September 5 and get away with it.

Well done boys especially Dave Hill and Don Powell. God bless you both. Only 14 weeks to go before they play at the Robin 2 in Bilston. Will I be there? Only if I'm not breathing.

Keep on rocking Slade.

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Four-fold rise in the number of school exclusions

SCHOOL exclusions in Wolverhampton more than quadrupled in the last year, new figures show.

In 2014/15 a total of 43 pupils were expelled from primary and secondary schools across the city, compared to 10 the previous year. Seven children were taken out for physically attacking staff and six were excluded for assaults on fellow pupils.

The figures, obtained through a Freedom of Information request, show that two children were removed for incidents involving racist abuse. Three were thrown out for using drugs or alcohol on school premises.

Fifteen exclusions were for persistently disruptive behaviour and one child was removed from a secondary school for an incident involving sexual misconduct. A total of 29 youngsters were removed from secondary schools and 14 from primaries.

The figures relate to all Wolverhampton council controlled primary, secondary and special schools, and do not include academies. Fixed period exclusions, where youngsters are taken out of school for a certain number of days before being allowed to return, also saw a steep rise.

There were 1,551 in 2014/15 compared to 1,273 in 2013/14 and 960 the year before. The figures represent a 62 per cent increase in two years.

Tory leader Councillor Wendy Thompson said that exclusions were often necessary in order to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. "To exclude a child from school should always be a last resort," she said.

"The important issue is that any child's period away from school is used in a positive manner by the relevant authorities and the child themselves to prepare them for their return to education."

Prior to 2013/14 Wolverhampton council was one of only a small number of authorities in the country to operate a policy of not permanently excluding pupils from schools.

Instead pupils who misbehaved were placed in alternative provision, often at another site, while still enrolled at the school. Education bosses deemed moving 'problem' youngsters from one school to another an inappropriate course of action.

Children in care given placements

CHILDREN in care in Wolverhampton will be given work experience with the council to help them learn new skills.

The local authority is also looking at making companies that work for it and its partners contractually obliged to offer work experience to looked-after children in the city. There are currently 748 youngsters in care in Wolverhampton.

Councillor Val Gibson, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Many children in care have had a particularly challenging start to their lives, and as a corporate parent, the council has a key role to play in helping them to achieve as they move into adulthood.

"We are keen to give our looked-after children the opportunity to learn important skills through periods of work experience with the council – and organisations that provide services for the council – which we hope will stand them in good stead."

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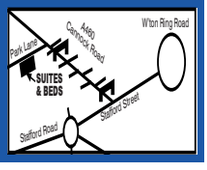

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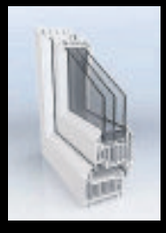

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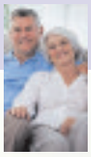

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Mother sent to prison after taking twins away

A MOTHER who took her twin daughters out of the country in defiance of a court order has been sentenced to 18 months in jail.

The woman – a well-educated professional with a responsible job from Wolverhampton – secretly obtained passports for the two-year-old girls and took them on a flight to Zimbabwe.

Police were tipped off too late to stop them leaving the UK but relayed a message to the relevant authorities before the plane landed in Dubai at the end of the first leg of the journey. The mother and the twins were taken off the flight and returned to this country.

Wolverhampton crown court heard the woman had been desperate to start a family and gave birth after IVF treatment, but discovered the father was married.

The relationship 'rapidly became acrimonious' after the couple broke up in February and a family court was asked to decide the future of the twins, said Mr Andrew Wilkins, prosecuting.

The mother was given temporary custody and her ex granted limited access. She was banned from leaving the country with the children and ordered to hand in her passport.

by John Scott

But she obtained Zimbabwe travel documents for herself and the twins weeks later and jetted out of Britain with them on June 17.

She admitted child abduction. In defence, Mr Stephen Bailey said the woman was worried about their safety because of the father's behaviour and thought her concerns were being ignored.

He said: "She was stressed, confused, on her own and took a reckless, criminal decision. It was not done in a cold, calculated way and she was not going to Zimbabwe for ever."

Judge Amjad Nawaz said: "You did not want your former partner to have their custody but that is exactly what has been achieved."

Mark's Vaz-test time in marathon attempt

Mark Vaz of Penkridge has no time to put his feet up as he runs 90 marathons in 90 days

PENKRIDGE runner Mark Vaz has clocked up his fastest time yet as he continues his bid to complete 90 marathons in 90 days.

Last Monday the 32-year-old ran 2hrs 56mins around Stafford.

"I thought I might slow down the more runs I did but I'm actually getting quicker," he said.

Mark is aiming to raise £90,000 for Tommy's Charity, which offers support to families who have suffered stillbirths and Katharine House Hospice in Stafford.

On Monday of this week he tackled his 70th marathon as part of a special run with a new Stafford Harriers beginners group at Rowley Park on Averill Road.

He added: "When I started all this one of my main aims was top bring new runners into the sport and working with new groups is ideal for me. Hopefully along the way I have inspired a few people to get out on the roads at get fit."

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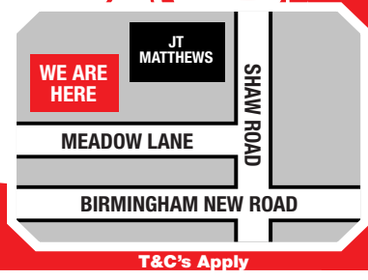

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Dancing mothers getting in the swing

The Sling Swing group Amanda Alsop, Michelle Loveday, Megan Bennett, Carly Birchell and Alex Hayter with their

THE woman behind a group of dancing mothers says their appearance on Britain's Got Talent is only the start.

Carly Birchell's Sling Swing group sees parents dance with their youngsters in slings.

The group has been filming a new video in West Park, Wolverhampton ahead of International Babywearing Week in October.

Mrs Birchell, 35, from Penn, a qualified music and singing teacher, began the class after her first son Noah, now three, was born. She now has 30 franchises around the UK and hopes it will continue to grow. Mrs Birchell, who also has four-month-old Toby, said: "It has become so popular and really is a fantastic promotion for baby wearing and for new parents to come together in one big group.

"Yes it is a lot of fun but more importantly serious issues such as post-natal depression between mothers can be addressed in our groups."

The videos for International Babywearing Week will consist of of lib-syncing and dancing with between 15 to 20 members involved. The videos will be used to promote the group.

When they appeared on Britain's Got Talent, members got four 'yes' votes in the first round but didn't progress beyond the deliberation round.

During their audition, they danced to PJ and Duncan's Let's Get Ready to Rhumble.

International Babywearing Week is an annual outreach event sponsored by Babywearing International.

It is an opportunity to celebrate, promote, advocate for and focus media attention on the many benefits of babywearing. It will be celebrated from October 4-10. The group has also become well-known for its 'flash mobs', where the mothers and their babies suddenly begin dancing in public.

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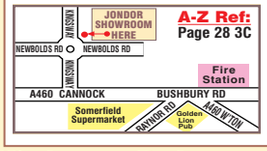

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Free schools pledge to make positive impact

TWO NEW free schools have opened their classroom doors to pupils in Wolverhampton.

The start of the new term marked the opening of both The British Sikh School, at the former Parkfields School site, and Wolverhampton Vocational Training Centre, in Upper Villiers Street.

Each has pledged to make a positive impact in the city and allow youngsters to get the most out of their school years.

At the opening day for The British Sikh School, 81 pupils got to see their new surroundings, meet their classmates and teachers and learn more about what lies ahead for them.

The school is run according to Sikh values and principles rather than the Sikh faith and is welcoming to children of any religion. Principal Raminder Vig believes it will boost the standard of education across the city.

Inspire

The school's main hall contains pictures of social activists such as Rosa Parks, William Wilberforce, Bangat Puran Singh and Emmeline Pankhurst in an effort to inspire the children.

Mr Vig said: "This vision has been four years in the making.

"It has now come to fruition, which is a great achievement for us and it is something people in Wolverhampton should be proud of.

"We want our pupils to be able to stand on their own two feet and proudly say they went to The British Sikh School."

The British Sikh School is also offering a wide variety of sporting opportunities to pupils. Mr Vig is confident that the opportunity to take part in fencing and archery classes will be a hit with pupils and has set his sights high for what the school can achieve in the world of sport.

Principal Raminder Singh Vig, at The British Sikh School, Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton Vocational Training Centre principal Ben Gamble

Wolverhampton Vocational Training Centre (WVTC) is the first 16-18 free school in the country to offer education and vocational training to special educational needs students.

It offers courses directly linked to getting its pupils into work or higher education, including classes on painting and decorating, carpentry, care and beauty.

Principal Ben Gamble said: "We are offering a unique service. Our entire ethos is based around our students and getting them to achieve more than they think is possible.

"We believe with the team of staff we have here, we can get these children to achieve."

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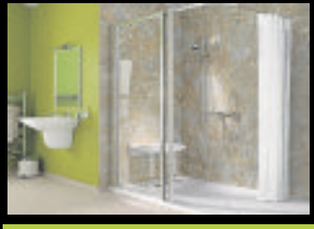
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Sensory garden for Lilee Anne after charity digs in

VOLUNTEERS have enabled a three-year-old girl with a life-limiting condition to enjoy a sensory garden.

"We just want to make the most of every day we have with our daughter while we can," said Lilee Anne Geach's mother Lisa.

"This will allow us to do that and we are so happy that we can enjoy what time we have left with her."

The youngster, from Pendeford, suffers from a severe type of epilepsy called West Syndrome and several brain conditions which have left her fighting to get through life.

Lisa, has to care for her 24 hours a day, constantly monitoring her medication and keeping on top of her varied needs. For Lisa and her husband Richard, caring for Lilee Anne is more than a full time job.

The couple have had to be so focused on supporting their daughter that things other families prioritise have been neglected, such as maintaining a nice garden to spend time together in.

Lilee Anne uses a disabled buggy and has limited mobility so her garden, which is laid with uneven concrete slabs and sections of gravel, is unsafe and not stimulating for her.

But, thanks to the efforts of 25 volunteers from the WellChild charity – teaming up with KGJ Insurance – the family can finally enjoy the sensory garden. It includes artificial grass, a decked seating area and a swing for Lilee.

Lisa said: "When she saw the garden she ran straight for the swing and just looked delighted.

"I really can't thank the volunteers and everyone at WellChild and KGJ enough."

Lilee Anne, parents Lisa and Richard and Peter Hallam, director of KGJ Commercial Insurance

Journalist to host business breakfast

BUSINESS journalist and presenter Declan Curry hosts a breakfast event as part of this year's Wolverhampton Business Week.

The Annual Business Breakfast – Investing in the City event takes place on October 1, between 8 and 10am.

The session will see an audience debate with a panel of business leaders.

Panellist and council leader Councillor Roger Lawrence will start the event with a short address to businesses before visitors get the chance to network.

Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy, said: "This event is invaluable to businesses of all sizes in Wolverhampton to exchange ideas."

Other panel members include John Wood, director of Caparo Industries and chair of the Economic Growth Board and Professor Tony Travers, Wolverhampton Skills and Employment Commission Chairman.

It will be held at the GTG Training & Conference Centre in Bearing Drive.

To reserve a place email businessweek@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Office block at former pub nears completion

A LANDMARK former pub Wolverhampton is close to completing its transformation into offices.

The Paget Arms, on Park Lane, was demolished back in 2009 following an arson attack and a spate of thefts.

The site was stripped of metal, gutted of valuables and had its car park littered with rubbish, dirty mattresses, abandoned caravans and three-piece suites prior to its demolition after travellers moved onto the site for two months.

Work on the offices

Work to turn the site in Low Hill into a two-storey office building for logistics company ACS&T is almost complete, to the delight of local councillor Peter O'Neill.

Councillor O'Neill campaigned for the site to be developed in 2009 after it became a magnet for fly-tipping.

He said: "I am surprised how quickly this has come about, planning permission was only granted in late 2013, but it is great to see that the work is nearly done.

Popular

"It was such an eyesore when it fell into disrepair, there was a four-year period where it was doing nothing and was ripe for vandalism.

"In it's day, of course, it was a very popular pub, but that changed, as it has all over the city.

"People can't really afford to go out and drink at pubs now, so the idea of pubs being a community hub like you see on the television is gone.

"I think that is a shame, but I am happy this work has been carried out to bring a site that was becoming a real problem back to life," he added. In 2001 the pub, which had a distinctive clock gable, was locally listed as a site of architectural merit.

Prior to planning permission for the office spaces being granted, attempts were made to build a betting shop on the site.

It was also earmarked for housing in an area action plan designed by Wolverhampton council, before the fire and the settlement of travellers brought the need to develop forward.

In recent years, a number of landmark pubs in the city have been knocked down or have faced the bulldozer.

Wolves fan pub The Wanderer was knocked down in December to make way for a car park while The Clargate, in Bushbury, was saved by passionate locals who campaigned against plans to turn their pub into a care home.

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WOLVES mascot Wolfie will be among the visitors to a Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning event next week.

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Dass life! Ex-mayor tells all in book

Councillor Bishan Dass, of Wolverhampton, with a copy of his authobiography 'Pride vs Prejudice'

A LONG-running Wolverhampton councillor who became the UK's first Asian council mayor has put his story into print. Councillor Bishan Dass, aged 73, has released his autobiography.

Councillor Dass, aged 73, who represents Ettingshall, has been a councillor in Wolverhampton for almost 40 years since he moved from India.

As well as his looking back over his life and the discrimination he has faced, the book also examines how Wolverhampton has changed over the years.

He says when he joined the council in 1975 he was the only ethnic-minority member. Now there are 15 out of 60 members.

Mr Dass, whose time in India was spent in a 'backward' village not connected to a main transport route, flew to Heathrow in 1963 with just the address of a distant relative in Wolverhampton. From 1975 to 87 he served St Peters ward, becomg the council's mayor for 1986/87.

He left politics shortly but was coaxed back after the ward boundaries changed and now represents Ettingshall.

Free school status will go ahead say bosses

THE Royal School in Wolverhampton is forging ahead with plans to become a free school next year – as senior leaders move to dispel fears that the scheme had fallen through.

Parents became concerned after it was not included in the Government's latest school conversion list.

But bosses say the school is ready to convert to free school status next year, with the multi-million pound plans already in place to expand capacity and install new facilities to cope with increased student numbers.

Currently fee-paying, the Royal was due to convert at the start of this term but the move was delayed by the Department for Education.

Enrol

Its number of pupils has increased by around 200 in the last two years to 700, with many parents paying fees to enrol their children in order to secure a place when it gains free status.

One parent said: "There are quite a lot of parents who have paid fees on the understanding that the school would convert to free status.

"It's cost a lot of money for me to send my child

By Peter Madeley

there. It's something I won't be able to afford if it stays as an independent school."

The Royal School principal Mark Haywood said: "I want to stress that everything is on track for the conversion to take place next year as planned."

The school has appointed a project development team to oversee the scheme, which will see a further increase in student numbers in September 2016.

Twenty new staff were taken on for the start of this term. Buildings at the school's Penn Road site will be converted into additional classrooms and a new sports hall is also a possibility.

The school has also entered into a partnership with the Wood Green Academy in Wednesbury.

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Charity in memory of entrepreneur

Angela Bir with trustees, from left, Goe Grewal, Manu Chadha, Charlie Ahmed and Ravi Bains

FAMILY and friends of a murdered Wolverhampton businessman have launched a charity in his name.

About 200 people marked what would have been Ranjit Singh Power's 55th birthday last Monday night.

Mr Power, of Goldthorn Park, who owned Wolverhampton's Ramada Park Hall Hotel, was killed during a business trip to India in May. He was last seen at an airport in Amritsar, Punjab, on May 8.

Now the Ranjit Singh Power Foundation Trust has been launched in his memory, with orphans and children with cancer among those to be supported. A hundred balloons were released to mark the launch.

Mr Power's partner, Angela Bir has kick-started the charity with a £25,000 donation, and fundraising events will be held. Among the projects planned for the first 12 months is a partnership with Goldthorn Park School, which will receive £5,000 each year for five years to help raise the Ofsted rating from Good to Outstanding.

Headteacher Julie Roseblade said: "Goldthorn Park Primary is delighted to receive the most generous donation."

Jailed for assaulting PCs

A MAN who had been deported after serving time in jail for his part in a sham marriage racket is back behind bars.

Leon Horvat was last year jailed alongside nine other people for their part in the sham marriage operation. He was deported to the Czech Republic but has been jailed for assaulting two police officers after returning to this country.

Mr Richard McConaghy, prosecuting at Wolverhampton crown court, said on August 8 this year a concerned member of the public had called police after seeing a man, who turned out to be the defendant, asleep at the wheel of a parked car in Castle Street, Wolverhampton.

When the two constables arrived about 10.15am he was found lying across the back seat of the black Citroen Saxo. They knocked on the window, and the man gave them a name and date of birth that 'in due course turned out to be false', Mr McConaghy said.

"Five different identifications appeared to be floating around, and it was when those last items were looked at the defendant presumably realised the game was up, and turned and ran," he said. One Pc chased Horvat up the road and grabbed his jumper, and the defendant punched the officer a number of times. Horvat wriggled free, but when caught he wrestled by an officer who banged his knee.

The second officer grabbed his arm, but Horvat bit him. After further grappling, CS gas was produced.

Mr Richard Quinn, mitigating, said Horvat was 'extremely sorry' for what he had done. Horvat had pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm and assaulting a constable and was jailed for 12 months.

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Sales hike as Burke Bros overcomes Calais crisis

AN award-winning removals firm has posted 20 per cent growth in the last 12 months, despite being caught up in the Calais migrant crisis.

Bosses at Burke Bros Moving Group in Wolverhampton have revealed tales of 24-hour delays, spiralling costs, managing customer expectation and the financial penalties of inadvertently carrying illegal migrants.

The company, formed in a modest unit on the Fallings Park Industrial Estate in 1982, has had to invest heavily in enhanced safety measures for drivers and a fleet that has been boosted by a further five new vehicles.

It has also developed new routes that bypass the problematic ports so it can still meet the requirements of a growing corporate and domestic customer base that will see it do more than 100 trips, moving to and from France, by the end of 2015.

Directors Gary and Chris Burke

Five new vehicles have been added

The base on the Burke Bros Trading Estate on Fox's Lane

Challenge

"Our clients are increasingly concerned about the security of their personal effects, especially as this is our busiest time of the year for moving people from the UK to France," said managing director Gary Burke. "Trying to schedule things has been very challenging as it's difficult to safely judge how easily we will get through.

"This has meant working overtime when planning journeys and we are especially grateful to our customers for their flexibility and consideration when it comes to their delivery expectations.

"The safety of our drivers is also paramount and there have been migrants throwing bricks at the windows, even stepping out in front to get the vehicle to stop whilst their friends try to break in through the rear doors.

"Rather than bemoan the situation, we've tried to look at ways around it, including alternative routes to speed up journeys and increased security so that we go over and above the Government's Code of Practice.

"Despite all of this, we have actually seen an increase in the number of jobs we're doing in France and Belgium and we appear to be offering answers other removal firms can't offer."

He said 2015 had been an exciting time for Burke Bros Moving Group, with turnover up to £2.3m on the back of improved economic performance and greater confidence in the housing market.

The company, a member of the British Association of Removers Overseas Group, specialises in moving senior executives, celebrities, professional footballers and domestic customers – via land and sea – to 50 different countries just this year. Director Chris Burke said: "As part of our expansion plans, we have just invested £200,000 into a new self-access storage facilities at our Fox's Lane site.

"We're on track to reach 50 per cent occupancy by the end of the year."

Burke Bros is aiming to hit £2.5m turnover by the end of the year, a plan that will see it create new jobs as it aims to reach a 50-strong workforce.

The frontage of the Beattie's department store

Phyllis Averill as a young girl

Phyllis features on this group shot marking grandson James Beattie's 21st birthday

Employer floored by riposte after request to scrub up at bakery

MEMORY LANE

By Tony Perry

MY mother Phyllis Averill was 14 when she left school in 1933 and started to find employment at various shops in Wolverhampton town centre.

One of her first jobs was surely the shortest lasting – one day at a bakery and cake shop. When she was told at the end of the day she had to scrub the floor of the shop before she could go home, she told them what they could do with the floor!

Another job was at Hill's and Steele's, which became British Home Stores, and she made some friends there.

She also worked for some time at James Beattie's department store. From her early days working there, Phyllis remembered the first Mr Beattie, an "Old Father Time" figure who still came into the store regularly in his old age and knew and found time to speak to the young girls at the counters.

She worked and trained on different department counters, such as hosiery, but for part of her period of employment there Phyllis was a uniformed lift operator, so she would see the three generations of the family often.

The first James Beattie was well liked, his son was not. The grandson James Beattie, who took over from his father, died in 1987, was well liked by the staff.

He threw a party for the staff to celebrate his 21st birthday and a commemorative photograph of this happy occasion shows Phyllis among the people there.

In the 1930s shopgirls were treated in different ways by different shopkeepers. By the time he was in his 80s, the first James Beattie appreciated the value of the quality, hard work and loyalty of the ladies, and they appreciated him, although they may have had to work long hours.

Condescending

Phyllis was an ardent socialist, although she too appreciated the care for the staff by the bosses.

What she did not appreciate was that, although Beattie's was intended as a store for all Wolverhampton and surrounding areas to use and enjoy, some would treat shopgirls in a condescending way.

For instance a lady might come in to buy a pair of stockings, but would delight in telling the shop assistant to have them delivered, rather than carrying them.

Phyllis was asked to make a delivery of this sort, two or three miles out of town. When she arrived at the house and was greeted at the front door by a servant of some kind, who said that the tradesmen's entrance was at the rear, she pushed the package into the hands of the startled servant, saying that after walking all that way they could have the package then and there or not at all!

Taken from "Of the River People" by Anthony Perry (Brewin Books £9.95) available at Ashwoods, Tettenhall Post Office, Archives at Molineux House, Mogul Diamonds, St Peter's Church and other Bookshops.

Store owner James Beattie the elder

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Old school friends now diamond wedding couple

THEY met for the first time on the day the Second World War broke out – on what was also their first day of school. Now Pauline and John Nutting are celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss.

Pauline, nee Miller, and John, were just four-years-old when they started school at St Mary's in Cannock Road, Wolverhampton.

Sitting next to each other, they were close friends until they both went to the separate boys and girls parts of the school at the age of 11.

They would be reunited again some years later when Pauline, originally from Low Hill, stepped out of her house to get her friend an ice cream and her future husband John, from Bushbury, happened to be standing next to her.

Pauline said: "He looked at me for a while and then said he knew who I was. I replied he probably said that to all the girls!

Diamond wedding couple John, aged 81 and Pauline Nutting, 80

Courting

"We were around 15 and our first date was to the cinema to see Green For Danger.

"John is a continual joker, but we're very lucky to have had so many years together.

"He actually ended up working with my dad at Guy Motors for a bit when we first started courting, so my dad knew he was a good guy. We had him round fixing our shed and everything."

The couple married on September 3, 1955 at St Mary's Church on the Cannock Road, next door to the school where they first met.

Pauline, now aged 80 started off as a 14-year-old Saturday girl at a drapery and jewellers store. John, 81, was a carpenter by trade and served three years in the RAF from 1952 to 1955 in the Middle East. The couple had three children, Steve, 57, Jayne, 47, and William who sadly passed away at the age of 31 in 1987. They also five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Pauline said: "We have a lot of family down in Torquay and it's where we had our honeymoon, so we travel down there a lot to see all the kids.

"We've always been surrounded by good family and blessed with as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. We have a lot to be thankful for."

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The couple tie the knot in 1955

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Fair advice to get back into work

JOBSEEKERS met potential employers at a jobs fair held at Wombourne Library.

The event was supported by South Staffordshire District Council and South Staffordshire Housing Association.

Businesses of all sizes attended with companies including Jaguar Land Rover and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service on hand to speak to prospective employees about the opportunities on offer.

Guests included South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson, careers coach Bon Morris, IT trainer Gram Hughes and councillors.

Mr Williamson said: "Job fairs such as these show residents across South Staffordshire that there are great opportunities for jobs and career development locally."

Hedgehogs are talk topic

A WILDLIFE talk will focus on rescuing and rehabilitating hedgehogs.

Joan Lockley is hoping to take a creature along to the Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation talk at Wombourne Community Centre on September 24. It has been organised by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust - South Staffordshire Group and starts at 7.30pm.

Entry is £2, but discounts are eligible through a Local Group Membership Scheme.

FOCUS ON WOMBOURNE

Delight as village named Best Kept for first time

RESIDENTS in Wombourne are celebrating after the village was named as Staffordshire's Best Kept.

Villagers are delighted, having made it their goal to improve on a Highly Commended in 2013 a third place last year.

Julie Lawton, chairman of Wombourne's Best Kept Village Committee, said taking advantage of the Christmas Tree Festival to raise awareness of their campaign, they put together a Best Kept Village tree.

By David Banner

This featured decorations made out of items usually found in black plastic rubbish sacks, such as bottle tops, sweet wrappers, ring pulls, and cigarette packets. And in summer the focus moved to floral displays, with the planters around the village transformed into a blaze of colour.

Litter

Schools ran competitions to make posters and flyers were posted through letterboxes.

The 3rd Wombourne Scouts and Cubs also lent their manpower to village tidy-ups, and Mrs Lawton said: "The Scouts spent two hours transforming the Maypole area and the library car park.

"Then, in the pouring rain, the Cubs did a litter pick all along the railway walk. They did a wonderful job."

Residents also litter-picked regularly, and as an extra incentive prizes were provided by Ashwood Nurseries for the village's Best Kept Front Garden and Best Hanging Basket competitions, as well as Best Kept Container.

Mrs Lawton said: "When third place Brewood and second place Kinver were announced, we were convinced that we were not even going to get a mention."

It is the first time Wombourne has won and, as it is the largest village in Staffordshire, is an 'amazing achievement', she said.

"The members of the Best Kept Village Committee are understandably very pleased and proud, and would like to extend grateful thanks to all those whose support has made this possible."

With the award are committee members, secretary Elaine Colbourne, left, and chairman Julie Lawton

Care firm is placed in special measures

A CARE firm has been put into special measures after health inspectors found it employed people with criminal convictions.

Hands on Care (Wombourne), based at Springhill Lane, Penn, which provides nursing and care home services, was rated inadequate in three out of five areas by the Care Quality Commission.

The firm, which provides nursing and home care services, were often late to appointments and didn't record when medicine was given out to patients.

The watchdog said staff had not been properly vetted, including two with previous convictions. The firm is registered to care for people with physical and learning disabilities, eating disorders, and mental health conditions.

The firm was warned it could be forced to close if improvements are not made within six months. It was given the lowest possible rating in terms of safety, responsiveness and leadership. Improvement was needed in terms of the care it offers and the effectiveness of staff.

Sue Howard, Deputy Chief Inspector for Adult Social Care in the Central region, said: "Whenever we find a service to be inadequate, we will consider taking further action on behalf of the people who use the service."

Hands on Care declined to comment.

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Fundraising Louis an everyday hero

Louis Johnson, aged nine, of Tettenhall Wood, with pictures of his fundraising events

A NINE-year-old Wolves fan has won a top award after raising more than £5,000 for charity. Louis Johnson, from Tettenhall Wood has been raising cash since the age of five after being inspired by fundraising mum Teresa.

He was one of five 'Everyday Heroes' named from 2,000 applicants in a national competition, for his work for Compton Hospice and the Retired Greyhound Trust.

The schoolboy was thrown a surprise party at Christ Church Junior School, attended by Wolves legend Steve Bull.

Louis and his classmates celebrated his achievements raising money for charities over the last four years.

His mother Teresa, 42, has been involved in charity work for more than 20 years after losing a friend to breast cancer and nominated Louis in the competition, run by Pork Farms food group to celebrate ordinary people who do extraordinary things.

She said: "I'm so proud of Louis, he is a wonderful boy with a heart of gold. He is always thinking of others and trying to help whenever he can."

New Cross will carry out breast cancer trial

NEW Cross Hospital has been chosen to host what is expected to be the biggest UK study on the effect of physiotherapy on women after breast cancer.

By David Callaghan

Warwick Medical School is leading the clinical trial with New Cross, University hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust and Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

It has been awarded £1.4m to conduct the trial from the National Institute for Health Research, which will explore whether physiotherapy has a beneficial impact for women having breast cancer treatment.

Treatment

The study will follow the progress of 350 women for a year after treatment, and will start this month at the three cancer centres. The trial will then be expanded to cover between 10-12 hospital sites from early 2016.

Dr Jonathan Odum, Medical Director at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, said: "The trial will show whether or not a physiotherapy led exercise programme with an individualised monitoring plan can improve upper arm function and quality of life and reduce disability, pain and other adverse events following breast cancer treatment."

Principal of research at University of Warwick, Dr Julie Bruce said: "Up to two-thirds of women who have breast cancer surgery can experience shoulder problems and chronic pain after their treatment.

"This trial will help us understand the best way to treat women and may prevent the need for further treatment."

Women eligible to take part will be newly diagnosed and due to have an axillary clearance. Women due to have radiotherapy or who have a history of shoulder problems, such as stiffness or arthritis, may also be eligible.

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A home for £520 – why not buy 10 of them?

£520 for a three bedroom house? At that price you could have 10 of them.

And that is exactly what someone bought: '10 villa residences' in Wolverhampton for the bargain price of just £5,200 – way back in 1947.

In today's money – and accounting for inflation – the properties in Ridge Lane, Wednesfield, would still have been a steal at just £19,436 each.

The rock bottom sum was revealed in a fragile copy of the Express & Star for July 17 that year, sent in by reader Pauline Poole. She found two copies of the newspaper during a clear-out of her home in Harrowby Place, Willenhall and said they made for 'fascinating reading'.

Average annual earnings in 1947 were around £300.

Listed

Anyone looking to purchase one of these homes now would expect to part with anything upwards of £154,000. The average price for a house in Wolverhampton is currently £157,562 for a three bedroom home.

According to property website Zoopla, three bedroom home at number 28 Ridge Lane was listed in 2012 for offers in the region of £147,995.

It is currently home to Stacy Richards, aged 36, and her daughter Savannah, aged two-and-a-half.

Miss Richards, who works at The Castle Inn, in Wood End Road, said: "That's an incredible price to buy a house. My rent is £600 a month."

The property Miss Richards lives in is rented through a private landlord. It would originally have been a two-bedroom house but has had another storey put on it with a third bedroom.

Down the road at number 42 are retired couple Bob and Stella Hammonds. Former M&B Brewery dayman Bob, aged 73, and wife Stella, 71, could not agree on what they paid for the house in 1966 or 1967 but it was either £2,300 or £3,200.

"Even then, that's a lot more than the £520 someone once got it for," said Mr Hammonds. The couple raised their daughter Debra, now aged 52, there. Mrs Hammonds' mother Alice Rotchell had lived just a few doors down at number 32. The house the couple bought was owned by a Mr and Mrs Lawson until the 1980s.

Talk of house prices, however, has done nothing to prompt any desire to move.

Mrs Hammond said: "We've never had the house valued because we've never wanted to be anywhere else."

One of the homes bought for £520

Stacy Richards and Savannah

Bob and Stella Hammonds who have lived in Ridge Lane for 50 years

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Now new leader can get to work

REJOICE – the Labour leadership contest is over. Now, can we get on with the business of politics?

It has been four long months since the morning after the General Election, when a forlorn-looking Ed Miliband took responsibility for leading his party to its worst result since 1987 and bid a dignified retreat to the backbenches.

Since then Milifandom gave way to (Jeremy) Corbynmania and the three other contenders for the Labour leadership all promised a bold, new direction while doing their best to conveniently ignore their own high profile positions in the run up to their party's crushing result.

Pastime

It was difficult to take any of them seriously given that none of them ever managed to persuade Ed Miliband to change tactics and not snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

The last four months were about Labour talking almost exclusively to and about itself. A favourite pastime for many was branding anyone who supported a rival candidate a Tory. "You like Liz Kendall? You're a Blairite and therefore a Tory."

"Oh, you prefer Jeremy Corbyn? Well that's the candidate the Tories want so you must be a Tory." And so on.

At least watching Labour leadership voters, whether full members or the £3 registered supporters, argue with each other online has had an air of authenticity to it, of passion and of a frank exchange of ideas.

Ed Miliband in Brierley Hill

New Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn

Almost every event during the General Election was stage-managed and choreographed to within an inch of its life.

People put in front of the shadow cabinet seemed to have been vetted so much they must have felt like wounded animals hoping not to be put down.

The Tories were no better, of course, but I do wonder how much more Ed Miliband could have achieved had he not spent the afternoon of the last Sunday before polling day in a cafe in Brierley Hill especially hired for the occasion and surrounded by Labour members and campaigners.

He told everyone present how there were only hours left to win the election, having made them take the best part of two hours out of their day to wait for and listen to him tell them how the clock was ticking.

Did no-one think it might have been better to actually talk to the voters, the ones who they wanted to put them into power?

Now Labour's new leader Corbyn can get to work.

There are four years and eight months until the next General Election.

And instead of just debating with each other about who within the party can win it, it might be worth listening to what the voters want and then working out how to deliver it. They've had stranger policies than that.

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Welcome back

By Elston Hall Express reporters

Elston Hall pupils have been welcomed back to school, ready to begin a new term full of learning.

Children, staff and parents are settling back into school following the summer break.

The outstanding primary school reported another set of fantastic end of year results.

Children across the school have made fantastic progress in every year group.

End of Key Stage results for summer 2015 are also above the comparative national average for 2014.

Pupils are now busy learning in classrooms and have already made super progress this term.

Visit our new website at www.elstonhall.org.uk for details of year groups theme days and lessons within the autumn term.

Welcome to the 20th newspaper

Thanks for reading the 20th edition of our school newspaper. The paper is now in its eighth year, published termly, and is created by members of the after school newspaper club.

* Next edition published in December * Next edition published in December *

- Elston Hall Primary School has almost 700 pupils from Nursery-Year 6.
- The school, in Stafford Road, Fordhouses, was judged Outstanding by Ofsted in December 2014
- All five sub-sections: Quality of Teaching, Achievement of Pupils, Behaviour and Safety, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision were all rated as Outstanding.
- In July 2015, 79% of pupils gained the Good Level of Development at the end of Reception, 18% more than the 2014 national average.
- In July 2015, 87% passed the Year 1 phonics screening test, 13% higher than the 2014 national average.
- In July 2015, more than 90% of pupils gained a Level 2+ at the end of KS1 in reading, writing and maths, higher than the 2014 national average.
- In July 2015, at the end of KS2, 100% of pupils gained a Level 4+ in reading, 98% of pupils gained a Level 4+ in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and 94% of pupils gained a Level 4+ in writing and maths, all higher than the 2014 national average.
- 100% of pupils make expected progress with many more making more than expected progress.
- The school was one of a handful nationally to recently receive a £25,000 Pupil Premium Award from the Deputy Prime Minister recognising the Outstanding progress of its disadvantaged children.
- The school prides itself on building an ethos where all learners are happy, in an environment based on trust and support.
- Look out for the next edition of Elston Hall Express, written entirely by pupils of Elston Hall.... due to be published later in December!

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Wide

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This year A-level results saw an increase in the top grades, with 59 per cent of all subjects achieving A* to B grades.

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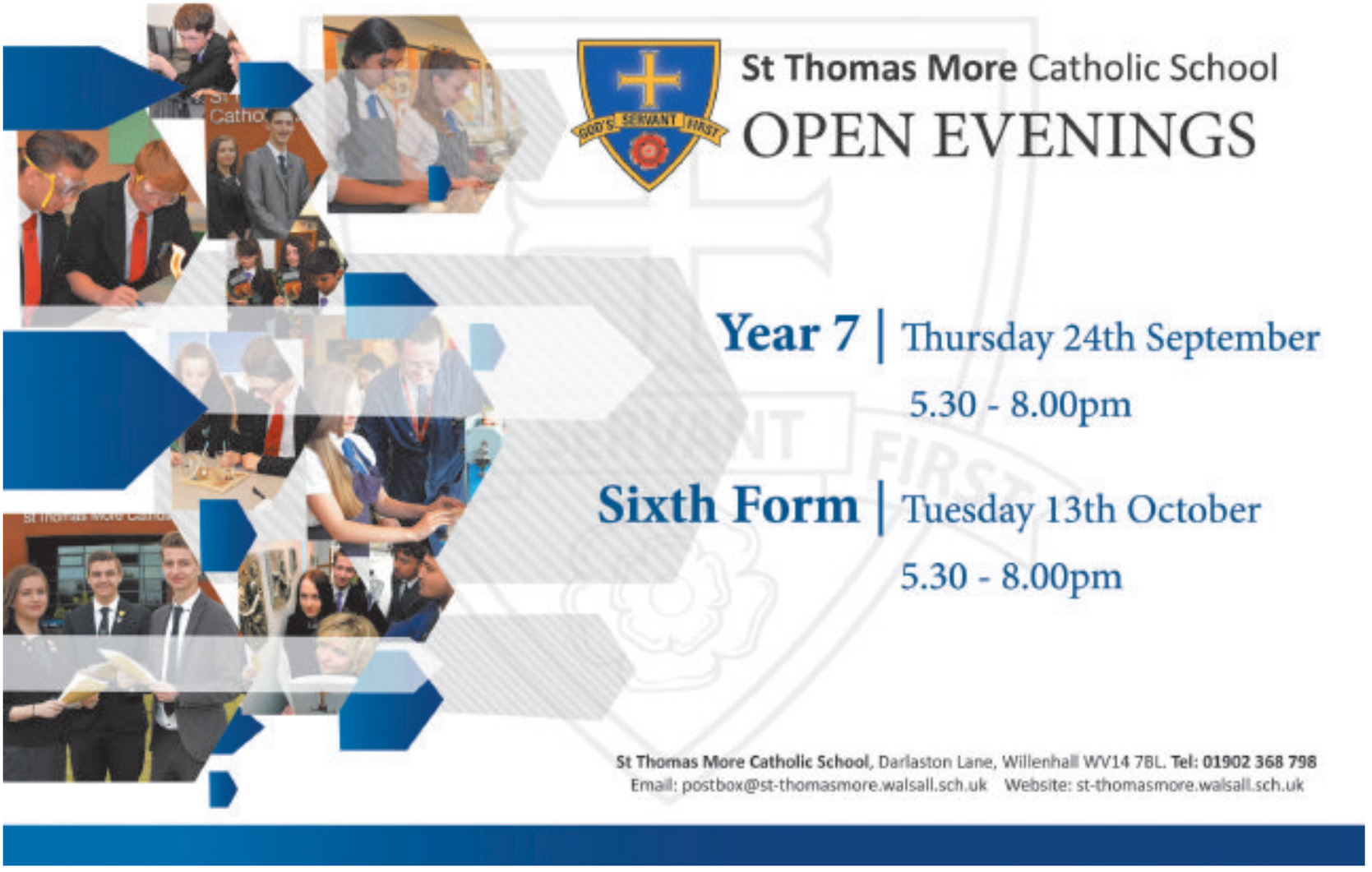

Hundreds gather to put their best foot forward

AROUND 1,000 people walked from Dudley to Wolverhampton to help fund once-in-a-lifetime experiences for seriously and terminally ill children.

The second annual Walk for Dreams fundraiser proved a hit on Sunday with thousands generated for Wolverhampton-based charity Promise Dreams.

Hundreds gathered at Himley Park in the morning and were led through a warm-up by Aaron Bower from Chris Jewkes Fitness.

Groups gathered in the park taking selfies at the start line as well as with charity mascot Poppet while Signal Radio provided entertainment.

Then they set off on the nine-mile hike through Wombourne, along Penn Road into Wolverhampton, through the city before the finish at the Dunstall Park racecourse.

Diana Walaszczyk, Izabela Brzezinska, Roza Guzenda, Emilia Wrukoski

Charity mascot Poppet with Julie Potts and Clare Gee

Farina Best, Michelle Ellitts, Emma Pemberton and Sarah Cullis

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The walk was a non-competitive stroll suitable for friends and families and many took the opportunity to dress up including Wolverhampton duo Clare Gee, 33 from Compton, and Julie Potts, aged 38 from Penn, who went along as fairies.

"It's a great cause and we have had a lot of sponsors so we thought we would have some fun with it," said Clare.

The event was also a chance for families who have benefited from the charity's work to say thank you.

Promise Dreams provided a sensory room for four-year-old Lee Stokes, of Bilston, who suffers from epilepsy.

The youngster brought an army of 28 people with him to complete the walk. Promise Dreams launched their own walk last year raising £30,000 after being the beneficiaries of similar events in previous years. It was hoped a similar amount would be generated this year.

The charity launched in 2001 and has received plenty of local backing including the likes of Wolverhampton Wanderers. Legends Steve Bull and Don Goodman are patrons for Promise Dreams while striker Benik Afobe launched this year's event at the Compton Park training ground.

Amy Johnson, key account co-ordinator for the charity, said: "We had just under 1,000 people register and we are extremely grateful for all of the sponsorship. We are very thankful for all of our sponsors as well as the Wolves players who really help raise the profile of the event. We also had around 100 volunteers and we couldn't put the walk on without them."

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From song to survival at popular game fair

Thousands attend the popular Midland Game Fair over two days at Weston Park to enjoy country pursuits and rural life

ONE of the highlights of the year for rural life and country sports enthusiasts returns to Weston Park this weekend.

The grounds of the stately home, between Cannock and Telford, hosts the Midland Game Fair on Saturday and Sunday.

The event attracts thousands of visitors, ranging from seasoned shots to budding dog handlers and others eager to try out country pursuits.

The daring Devil's Horsemen will join CJ's Birds of Prey and the Shadow Quest Dog Display team among the family favourite events in the fair's main arena.

Again the vast array of stalls will be themed, including Gunmaker's Row, Airgun Expo, Gamekeeper's Row, the Falconry Village, Working Dog Village and the Prince Albert Angling Village.

There will also be a new Fieldsports Arena, offering advice for everything from pigeon plucking to installing night vision equipment, and a new Survival Camp where ex-SAS soldier Bod Podesta will give lectures.

The Food Festival returns, the stylish side of country living will be highlighted with the clothes retailers and there will be plenty of opportunities to buy for the garden too.

The sporting line-up will include world series clay shooting and gundog finals, the European field target championship, and terrier and lurcher events.

New for this year will be music stages featuring the best in roots and acoustic music, ranging from folk to jazz, with performers including Dan Whitehouse, Goat Roper Rodeo, The Black Feathers, Jacksboro Highway, Hensley Newman Blues, and The Big Easy.

On the day ticket prices will be £20 with under 16s free when accompanied by a paying adult. In advance weekend adult tickets are £34 and day tickets £18. For the latest information see www.midlandgamefair.co.uk website.

Dogs leap into action at the fair

Anniversary events at Georgian church

Ready to celebrate 250 years of the village church — Reverend Charmaine Host is Vicar of St Michael's at Himley

GENERATIONS of families have marked birth, marriages and deaths at village church near Dudley. Now parishioners at St Michael's and All Angels Church in Himley are preparing to mark 250 years of worship at the church.

September 28 marks the anniversary of the church being dedicated, after a move from the grounds of Himley Hall.

Reverend Charmaine Host became vicar of St Michael's, along with its second parish St John's, in Swindon, in February. She said: "It is a lovely church, we have regular members who come every week.

"A few years ago Wolverhampton Archaeological Group discovered that there was originally a church in the grounds of Himley Hall, but the Earl of Dudley wanted to re-landscape the area, so this church was moved outside the village instead. The area is steeped in history."

The medieval church was demolished in 1764 and replaced the following year. Originally it had a three-decker pulpit and an area reserved for the Dudley family.

There will be an open day on September 26 and service of thanksgiving the following day, plus a folk concert at Himley Cricket Club on October 9. See facebook.com/stmichaelshimley

Home safety for elderly

A SERVICE aimed at keeping older people safe in their homes will be out and about in Sedgley later this month.

The Living Well, Feeling Safe scheme provides advice and help for elderly and vulnerable people.

The partnership is made up of Dudley Council, Age UK, West Midlands Police, Victim Support, West Midlands Fire Service and other agencies.

Staff from the service will be visiting properties in and around Sedgley for three days from September 23 to 25. A drop in information day will also be held at The Beacon Centre in Wolverhampton Road, from 10am until 3pm on Friday, September 25.

Councillor Dave Branwood, cabinet member for adult social care, said: "The Living Well, Feeling Safe service is ideal for any older or vulnerable person, or couple, who are feeling isolated or in need of extra support at home, or for people who are simply concerned about safety or security in the home.

"I'd encourage Sedgley residents to take up the offer of a free home assessment, but it's important to stress that this service is available to people across Dudley borough, so if you know anyone who could benefit, then please contact the service directly."

For more information call 01384 817743.

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King of comedy

Michael McIntyre is back

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Visit **www.gentingarena.co.uk**

The View

Friday, 7pm
Slade Rooms, W'ton
Scottish indie outfit The View, who originally hail from Dundee, arrive in Wolverhampton tonight with their latest tour. Here's hoping they have put some clean jeans on. . .
Visit **www.wolvescivic.co.uk**

Imelda May

Thursday, 7pm
Wulfrun Hall, W'ton
Last summer Imelda May became a mother for the first time. This summer she turns 40. You might expect her to turn to singing ballads. You would be horribly wrong.
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Oxjam: Skankin For Nepal

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John Lees
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Fri at 8pm - 11pm, £46 - £56
Symphony Hall, Birmingham,
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Sat at 7pm, £15
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Sun at 7.30pm, £20 - £22
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Fri at 6.30pm - 10pm, £17
The Institute, Digbeth,
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Fri at 5pm, Free
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‘I simply love to make people laugh’

AFTER a three-year absence when he was off making hit TV shows, Michael McIntrye is now returning to what he does best: stand-up comedy.

This autumn, he is embarking on a major nationwide arena tour with his new show entitled Happy & Glorious. Travelling the length and breadth of the UK and Ireland, the tour confirms Michael’s position as the most popular comedian on these islands. He’ll line-up at Birmingham’s Barclaycard Arena tomorrow and Saturday, then again on September 25 and 26.

His previous tour, Showtime, was the biggest-seller in the world in 2012, playing to over 640,000 people. That included a record-equalling ten-night residency at London’s 02 Arena, matching the figure set by pop superstar Rihanna the previous year. This tour may prove even more successful.

Michael has also thrived in the DVD market. He has so far released three best-selling DVDs. 2008’s Live and Laughing was the biggest selling UK debut stand-up DVD of its time; Hello Wembley, which in 2009 became the fastest-selling UK stand-up DVD of all time, a record it still holds; and 2012’s Showtime, which beat its competitors to the Christmas Number One spot.

He has been making a name for himself on the international stage, too. In 2013 he performed to sold-out arenas in South Africa, Dubai, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. Michael’s performance to an audience of 9,000 in Johannesburg was the largest ever comedy show in Africa, and his run in Dubai won him the Time Out Best Night Out award.

London comedian Michael McIntyre can pull bigger crowds than most pop stars

It’s no surprise that his live show is such a hit all over the world, Michael dazzles audiences with fantastically funny material drawn from his life as a husband and father-of-two.

The comedian, who has won enough awards to endanger the stability of his mantelpiece, adds: “I can’t wait to be playing once again to a big room that is really enjoying the show. I’m looking forward to thinking, ‘If you’re loving that, wait till you hear this!’ I’m bringing everything to this show – voices, physical comedy, the works. I simply love making people laugh.”

‘But all good things must come to an end’

Dance duo’s Last Tango

KEEP dancing but only together for a little while longer... ex-Strictly Come Dancing professionals Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace-Mistry bring The Last Tango, their farewell show, to Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, September 22 to 26.

The Italian dance duo who met in England, famed for their poise and passionate performances, have been dancing together for 20 years.

During that period they were World Dance title holders, starred in their own West End shows and tours — including Midnight Tango and Dance ‘Til Dawn — and most famously participated as professionals in several series of Strictly. Flavia won the celebrated Glitterball trophy in 2012 partnering Olympic gymnast Louis Smith.

“We have had such a fantastic time,” said Flavia, who is married to her former Strictly partner Jimi Mistry, the Coronation Street actor who graduated from drama school in Birmingham.

“It’s an incredible experience to perform live in front of our wonderful audience night after night, but all good things must come to an end.”

Vincent, who this summer married long-term girlfriend Susan Duddy, added: “The last few years have been amazing. It may be our final theatre tour but we’re going to go out with a bang.”

Native Monster online writer Steven Ecott took a dance workshop with Vincent and Flavia – watch the video and see how he got on, plus find out more about the show, at nativemonster.com

Sancho celebrated by a leading actor

PATTERSON Joseph brings his elegant one-man show Sancho - An Act of Remembrance to Birmingham Rep’s Studio venue for four nights from Tuesday. RSC and National Theatre actor Patterson also wrote this celebration of Charles Ignatius Sancho. Born on a slave ship in the 18th century, Sancho became an author and composer, and was painted by Gainsborough.

King Charles III is in the main house until Saturday. Sarah Cameron performs dark Scottish fantasy The Red Chair at The Door for three nights from tonight (Thu). Stan’s Cafe give movies a surreal Japanese twist in A Translation of Shadows at The Door Monday-Wednesday.

Weird hit podcast brought to stage

A QUIRKY US podcast that has won a cult following among sci-fi fans and connoisseurs of weirdness is making the transition to the stage in Birmingham as part of a UK tour.

Welcome To Night Vale is a spoof radio broadcast from a strange desert town, a kind of Lake Wobegon meets Twin Peaks where aliens are likely to be among your neighbours.

Written by Joseph Fink and Jeffrey Cranor, the stage version will feature material not used in the podcast and will feature the soothing tones of the host Cecil Palmer, played by Cecil Baldwin. It’s at the New Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday.

Classic rock is in the spotlight

THERE is an impressive array of gigs for fans of 1960s and 70s rock over the next few days.

It starts tomorrow night (Fri) with an evening with Crosby, Stills & Nash. David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash have each been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice – with Crosby, Stills & Nash, and with The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, and The Hollies, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Robin 2 in Bilston has drummer John Coghlan’s Quo performing vintage Status Quo tomorrow, John Lees’ Barclay James Harvest on Sunday and Stackridge on their Final Bow tour on Tuesday.

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The Walker Art Gallery collection is in an impressive Victorian building

Mathew Street Pic: VisitEngland /Mark McNulty

Albert Dock houses a range of restaurants, shops, bars, museums and galleries

Let it be Liverpool, vibrant home of The Beatles and a whole lot more

THE Cavern was rammed, the moptops were rocking I Want To Hold Your Hand, it was only the Spanish accent between songs that made the illusion fade.

Welcome to International Beatles Week. I was sharing a famous brick cellar on Merseyside with a united nations of Fab Four aficionados enjoying Barcelona's tribute to The Beatles, The Flaming Shakers, having just squeezed past Japan's answer to the famous four posing for photos in Mathew Street.

You could be forgiven for thinking that every week is International Beatles Week in Liverpool, where the most famous pop group ever still play a vital role in the tourist industry. But organisers of the special week which takes over several venues in the city, including the three stages based on the

by Leon Burakowski

network of cellars that birthed the Beatles, is a massive draw.

It was pure coincidence that I happened to be visiting during the Fab Four feast but the festival is obviously popular with the die-hard devotees. Most of Scandinavia's Beatles fans seemed to be staying at the same hotel as me.

Mathew Street, at the epicentre of Liverpool's Cavern Quarter near shopping destination Liverpool One, is one big photo opp with its bricks engraved with the name of every band that played the legendary venue, from Billy J Kramer to Oasis. Meanwhile, John Lennon's statue nonchalantly leans on the wall and seems to watch the crowds with mild amusement.

The street has several pubs once frequented by 'Four Lads Who Shook The World' plus an array of shops and venues selling Beatles memorabilia.

But there is more to Liverpool than The Beatles. The city was long Britain's most important port and remains a cosmopolitan and culturally vibrant hub.

Waterfront

It's monumental waterfront buildings confirm the city as Britain's equivalent to New York. At Albert Dock the red pillared warehouses have been converted into bars, restaurants, galleries and shops. It also has Merseyside Maritime Museum, revealing its sea-going history and its infamous role in the slave trade at its third floor International Slavery Museum.

Liverpool's cultural offering is substantial with Tate Liverpool at Albert Dock and the Walker Art Gallery on William Brown Street. The Walker has a superb collection of 500 pieces including work by Rembrandt, Rubens, to Lowry and Hockney.

The fascinating World Museum nearby is currently the only British venue for Mayas: Revelation of an Endless Time, an enthralling exhibition on loan from Mexico (until October 18). All are free, though the Tate charges for special exhibitions.

With St George's Hall opposite, the Walker forms part the most impressive array of Victorian civic architecture in Britain. The three main city theatres, The Playhouse, The Royal Court and Empire are all nearby, just a few yards from Lime Street rail station.

With its art and architecture, but most of all its irreverent quirkiness — such as the multi-coloured Dazzle Ferry painted by Sgt Pepper artist Sir Peter Blake and the zip-wire over busy Church Street — Liverpool is a city that never fails to impress.

The lobby at Hampton by Hilton Liverpool City Centre

I stayed at the Hampton by Hilton Liverpool City Centre Hotel, a few minutes walk from Albert Dock and the city centre. It is located on the edge of the up-and-coming Baltic Quarter next to the city's only brew pub The Baltic Exchange.

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CHOICE

Jenna Coleman

Doctor Who (BBC1, 7.40pm)
Peter Capaldi is back as the eponymous time traveller, and there promises to be no shortage of slick adventures for the Gallifreyan and his long suffering assistant, Clara (Jenna Coleman). In the first offering it seems the Time Lord has gone missing, which is bad news for Earth dwellers, as a strange extra terrestrial force has frozen the skies. Clara is desperate to find her friend, but where is he and what is he hiding from? Could an arch enemy with a black hat and Scottish accent be responsible? The fine supporting cast includes Michelle Gomez, Jemma Redgrave, Kelly Hunter, and Clare Higgins. Game of Thrones fans should also look out for Maisie Williams in an upcoming adventure.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Great Britain v Australia. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights.

6.35 BBC News.

6.45 Regional Programme.

6.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes another line-up of famous faces on the general knowledge game show. The teams are singer-turned-author Louise Wener and wildlife presenter Kate Humble, veteran Olympian Mary Peters and ice dance star Jayne Torvill, comedian Tony Hawks and broadcaster Henry Kelly and comedy duo Hale and Pace. Who'll be best when it comes to picking the most obscure correct responses?

7.40 Doctor Who. New series. Peter Capaldi returns as the Doctor for another series of time-travelling exploits. However, as this first adventure begins, it seems the Time Lord has gone missing – which is bad news for Earth, as a mysterious alien force has frozen the skies. Clara needs to find her friend – but where is he and what is he hiding from? Things soon become clear with the appearance of a familiar old enemy with a black hat and Scottish accent.

8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws with a performance by Jack Savoretti.

9.20 Casualty. On her first day, new junior doctor Alicia treats a vulnerable pregnant woman and realises her relationship is not what it seems. Meanwhile, Dylan makes an effort with Lofty.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Arsenal and Manchester City v West Ham United; National Lottery Update.

11.55 Film: Rogue. (2007) Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell and Michael Vartan.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: Anne of Green Gables. (1934) **7.25 Film:** Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure. (2011) **8.55 Film:** The Last Flight of Noah's Ark. (1980) **10.30** Animal Park. (R) **11.00** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **11.30** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00 Film:** That's Entertainment Part Two. (1976) **3.00** Triathlon. **4.30** Flog It! Trade Secrets. (R) **5.00** World's Busiest Railway 2015. (R)

6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. As the travellers head for Russia, they swap vehicles for Dave's old motorbike and sidecar before spending a night at the ballet, and also taste some of the country's finest foods. (R)

7.00 Gardeners' World. Joe Swift visits a tropical paradise in Runcorn and Monty Don works on Longmeadow as autumn unfolds in the garden. (R)

7.30 Galapagos – Islands of Change: Natural World. David Attenborough narrates a documentary that looks at the impact increased migration and tourism has had on the Pacific archipelago's wildlife. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring organises a dance in an attempt to boost platoon morale, but Pike interrupts proceedings to make an important announcement regarding his girlfriend Violet. (R)

9.00 6 Degrees of Separation. Panel game show, presented by Professor Brian Cox, with Ben Miller and Hugh Dennis leading two teams competing to find the scientific connections between six unlikely objects. (R)

9.30 Mock the Week. Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe, Ed Gamble and Nathan Caton join Dara O Briain, Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons for the topical comedy show. (R)

10.00 Cradle to Grave. The world is changing for Spud as the docks face closure. (R)

10.30 Boy Meets Girl. A visit to an art gallery prompts Leo to ask Judy a very important question. (R)

11.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. Including an interview with the week's eliminated baker. (R)

11.30 Live Triathlon.

1.50 Film: The Hunter. (2010) **3.15** This Is BBC Two. **5.55** The Instant Gardener. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Adventure Time. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Horrid Henry. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.30** The X Factor. (R) **11.30** Rugby World Cup. Tonga v Georgia (Kick-off 12.00pm). **1.55** Rugby World Cup. Ireland v Canada (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup. South Africa v Japan (Kick-off 4.45pm).

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.55 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Keep It in the Family. Bradley Walsh hosts the game show in which families from Leeds and Manchester go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. Heidi Range, Kimberly Wyatt, Brian McFadden, Rebecca Ferguson, Michelle Heaton and Louis Walsh are the celebrities holding clues to the prizes on offer, and there are performances from Britain's Got Talent stars Jack Pack and living cartoon artist Ennio Marchetto. Last in the series.

8.00 The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present coverage as the audition stage concludes, with another batch of applicants performing in front of judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora, as well as an arena audience of thousands, in the hope of winning one of the coveted places at Boot Camp. Continues on ITV tomorrow at 7pm.

9.30 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show originally presented by David Frost. Visiting three mystery celebrity homes each week, he challenges an all-star panel to guess the identities of the famous occupants. This week's guests are Bruno Tonioli, Davina McCall and Dave Berry.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Invictus. (2009) Premiere. Newly elected President Mandela seeks to use the 1995 Rugby World Cup to unite a divided South Africa. Clint Eastwood's factual drama, with Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon.

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** Great Scottish Swim 2015. **7.30** Para Tri. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ayr and Newbury. **4.10** Channel 4 News. **4.30** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two sets of first-time buyers search for properties in Bristol and the nearby countryside of the Cotswolds. (R)

7.00 Grand Designs. Boat enthusiast James Strangeways invites Kevin McCloud to survey progress on the construction of his new home, which his architect nephew Ben Hebblethwaite has designed to be as "un-houselike" as possible. James has spent the past 35 years travelling the canals and waterways of Britain, and despite never liking houses, has decided now is the time to put down roots on dry land. Ben hoped a home standing on stilts above a marsh, and incorporating ship-like qualities such as a keel-shaped roof, will be enough to satisfy his boat-mad uncle. However, Ben's contractor goes into liquidation a few months into the project, taking £87,000 of the £300,000 budget, and when James decides to make a few tweaks to the design, alarm-bells begin to ring for the young architect. (R)

8.00 Secrets of the Terracotta Warriors – Secret History. Recent discoveries about China's Terracotta Army, an extraordinary collection of ceramic sculptures unearthed in 1974 and dating back more than 2,000 years. (R)

9.00 It Was Alright in the 1960s. Matt Lucas narrates another look back at TV shows from past decades, revisiting the changing social attitudes reflected on the small screen in the 1960s.

10.00 Gogglebox. (R)

11.05 Film: Battle: Los Angeles. (2011) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart and Ramon Rodriguez.

1.20 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.25** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.20** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.30** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.20 Film:** Columbo Goes to College. (1991) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.15 Film:** Asteroid: Final Impact. (2015) Premiere. Disaster thriller, starring Mark Lutz. **5.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Enforcement officers are faced with the difficult job of evicting a woman with two children – a task that takes a turn for the worse when her ex-partner makes an appearance. In Liverpool, locals threaten a riot over an unpaid debt at a computer shop, while two agents come across an extremely rare car in the course of their duties. (R)

6.55 Film: Left Behind. (2014) Premiere. The world is plunged into chaos when millions of people suddenly disappear. An airline pilot tries to save the remaining passengers on his flight, while on the ground, his daughter tries to find out if her mother and brother are among those who have vanished. Fantasy adventure based on the series of novels by Jerry B Jenkins and Tim LaHaye, starring Nicolas Cage and Lea Thompson.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present action from the Football League, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Brighton & Hove Albion, Nottingham Forest v Middlesbrough and Rotherham United v Cardiff City in the Championship, Swindon Town v Burton Albion in League One, and Oxford United v Portsmouth in League Two.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother: The End is Nigh. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

11.30 Film: Date Movie. (2006) An unloved and overweight woman contends with a jealous rival and disapproving parents to get the man of her dreams. Spoof romantic comedy, with Alyson Hannigan and Adam Campbell.

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother: The End is Nigh. (R) **4.00** Transporter: The Series. **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear: The Best of Series 22 **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.30 Film:** Never Back Down (2008) **11.15** Family Guy **1.30** Top Coppers **2.00** Fried **2.30** Russell Howard's Good News **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Timeshift: The Golden Age of the Tram – A Streetcar Named Desire **9.00** Beck: Room 302 **10.30** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **11.30** Sings Motown **12.30** Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend **1.30** Love Me Do: The Beatles '62 **2.30** TOTP2 **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.35 You've Been Framed!: Animals **12.35** The X Factor **1.40** The Xtra Factor **2.40** Catchphrase **3.25 Film:** Sweet November (2001) **5.40 Film:** The Shaggy Dog (2006) **7.40 Film:** Bean (1997) **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.15** Safeword **12.50** Fake Reaction **1.25** Crazy Beaches **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.45** Teleshopping

ITV3
1.50 Lewis **10.00** The Road to Coronation Street **11.40** Wire in the Blood **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
12.55 The Car Chasers **1.50 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **3.45 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit II (1980) **5.50** Storage Wars **7.15** Rugby World Cup. France v Italy (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.15** Storage Wars **10.45** Hat-Trick Heroes **11.00** Rugby World Cup Highlights **12.15 Film:** Driven (2001) **2.35** Nitro Circus **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 How I Met Your Mother **12.00** Made in Chelsea LA **1.00 Film:** Hop (2011) **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30 Film:** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **8.30** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Amy **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.00** The IT Crowd **1.05** Rude Tube **2.10** Bad Robots **2.35** The Inbetweeners **3.25** The IT Crowd **4.20** How I Met Your Mother

Film4
11.00 The Frogmen (1951) **1.00** Fletch (1985) **3.00** A Monster in Paris (2011) **4.45** The Princess Diaries (2001) **7.10** Just Married (2003) **9.00** Unstoppable (2010) **11.00** The Woman in Black (2012) **12.50** The Innkeepers (2011) **2.55** The Cicerones **3.15** Close

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CHOICE

Michelle Dockery

Downton Abbey (ITV, 9pm)

All good things must come to an end, and sadly this is the final six-part run of writer Julian Fellowes' globally successful period drama. However, there promises to be plenty of twists and turns before the regulars close the doors for good in a few weeks. In the first offering, Mary's past catches up with her when an unwelcome visitor delivers an ultimatum. While Violet is on the warpath thanks to news about the running of Downton Hospital, those below stairs discover social changes are endangering their futures. And Daisy's best intentions at the Mallerton House auction don't quite pay off. With a top drawer cast including Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville and Michelle Dockery, this promises to be unmissable TV.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **11.45** Battle of Britain 75: From Westminster Abbey. **1.30** Sunday Politics. **2.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.05** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.05** Points of View. **4.20** Tribute to a Queen – The Big Sing. **5.00** Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Adam Henson is in the Lake District, discovering how getting out and about in the countryside is not only fun and inspiring, it is also good for mind and body. He finds out about one of the first British adventurers, Millican Dalton, and gets mountaineering tips from an award-winning mountain leader. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents an episode from RAF Coningsby, an operational air base in Lincolnshire, where she takes to the sky in a Dakota aircraft and examines some air force memorabilia.

9.00 The Go-Between. Adaptation of LP Hartley's novel, a tragic story of forbidden desire and betrayal, as seen through the eyes of impressionable boy Leo Colston, who has been invited to stay at his upper class friend Marcus's elegant family home in the summer of 1900. Leo is instantly enthralled by Marcus's older sister Marian, and finds himself drawn into a web of deceit as she pursues an illicit affair with tenant farmer Ted Burgess that crosses social boundaries. Unable to comprehend the true implications of the affair, Leo sets in motion a chain of events that ultimately prove the catalyst for a tragedy that will haunt him forever. Starring Jim Broadbent.

10.30 BBC News.

10.50 Regional Programme.

11.00 Eat Well for Less? Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help the Austens from West Sussex, who are devoted to expensive brands and tend to stockpile food, leaving barely any spare room in their fridge. (R)

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.05 BBC News.

BBC2

6.40 Countryfile. (R) **7.40** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.10** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.10** Great British Menu. (R) **10.40** Great British Menu. (R) **11.10** Great British Menu. (R) **11.40** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Great Britain v Australia. **4.45** Triathlon. **5.45** Battle of Britain 75: Highlights from Westminster Abbey.

7.00 World's Weirdest Events. Chris Packham presents this documentary from the team that produced Nature's Weirdest Events, unlocking the secrets behind some of the world's most unusual occurrences. (R)

8.00 The Best of Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond look back at highlights of season 22 of the motoring series, including crazy challenges, the most desirable new car models and a classic Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. The 13 remaining contestants are placed under the command of Jason Falla, a former member of the Australian SAS. He sets a challenge that gives them a taste of operating behind enemy lines with a training exercise in which they have to march through the night through hostile territory to transport supplies to a guerrilla force – who do not make life easy for their allies.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Southampton v Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace.

11.10 Family Guy. Stewie impregnates himself with Brian's DNA to save their friendship, while Peter and the guys try to make a viral video.

11.30 Family Guy. The Griffins receive a letter from the Nielsen Company telling them that they have been selected to have their television viewing habits monitored.

11.55 Film: Down Terrace. (2009) Father-and-son gangsters are released from prison and try to identify the informant in their organisation. Crime comedy, starring real-life father and son Robin and Robert Hill.

1.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.20** Holby City. (R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Horrid Henry. **9.00** Horrible Science. **9.25** The Unforgettable Sid James. (R) **10.00** The X Factor. (R) **11.30** Rugby World Cup. Samoa v USA (Kick-off 12.00pm). **1.55** Rugby World Cup. Wales v Uruguay (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup. New Zealand v Argentina (Kick-off 4.45pm).

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.55 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The X Factor. The first of two boot-camp programmes sees the successful contestants from the arena auditions stage undertake a series of singing challenges when they are put through their paces by judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Rita Ora and Nick Grimshaw at a grand country house. Presented by Caroline Flack and Olly Murs.

9.00 Downton Abbey. New series. Mary's past catches up with her when an unwelcome visitor delivers an ultimatum, as secrets and rifts threaten the unity of the family. News about the running of Downton Hospital puts Violet on the warpath, while those below stairs find social changes are putting their futures in jeopardy and Daisy's good intentions at the Mallerton House auction have disastrous consequences. Final series of the costume drama, starring Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville and Michelle Dockery.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Rugby World Cup Highlights. Action from the third day's matches, which were Wales v Uruguay, Samoa v USA and New Zealand v Argentina.

11.50 River Monsters. Jeremy Wade returns to Australia's deadly Fitzroy River to investigate one of the world's rarest fish, the glyphis shark – a species so mysterious that little is known about it. (R)

12.20 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica tries to clear a friend's son of murder. (R) **1.20** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** British GT Championship. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30 Film:** 10 Things I Hate About You. (1999) Comedy, starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles. **3.25 Film:** St Trinian's. (2007) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett. **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Crossrail Discovery: London's Lost Graveyard. Documentary catching up with London's Crossrail engineers less than two years after the project's excavations uncovered the 14th-century Charterhouse plague pit. In an extraordinary turn of events, further work on the Liverpool Street station has revealed another burial ground, this time accommodating the capital's radicals, rebels and outsiders. The Bedlam burial ground, which is thought to be the final resting place of nearly 20,000 people, was believed to be lost for around 300 years. Now, with the excavation process under way, archaeologists and historians have been using bone analysis techniques in conjunction with parish records to reveal the names and life stories of those whose remains were found on-site. (R)

8.00 Time Crashers. The celebrities find themselves working in a Victorian fishery in 1885, where they have one day to fulfil a huge order destined for London's Billingsgate Market.

9.00 This Is England '90. Lol, Woody and Milky revel in domestic bliss during the summer of 1990, while the rest of the gang embark on a journey they will never forget.

10.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 90s. Jonathan Ross, Jo Brand, Sue Perkins, Lee Mack, Bob Mortimer and Richard Ayoade demonstrate how much they remember about the 1990s. Jimmy Carr asks the questions. (R)

11.40 Film: Underworld: Rise of the Lycans. (2009) Fantasy horror prequel, starring Michael Sheen.

1.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.35** You Deserve This House. **5.30** 1001 Things You Should Know. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.05** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.30** Jelly Jamm. (R) **8.45** LazyTown. (R) **9.15** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.45** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.20** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.50** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **1.40** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **2.40 Film:** Independence Daysaster. (2013) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ryan Merriman. **4.20 Film:** The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce.

6.10 5 News Weekend.

6.15 Film: 2012. (2009) A scientist learns the world is soon to face a global cataclysm that will wipe out the human race, but finds the US president has plans to secretly save a fraction of the population, leaving everyone else to die. A writer learns of this scheme, and as the world is devastated by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, he tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, with John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Edited for language.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: End of the World. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 30 Greatest Disaster Movies. A countdown of the most memorable disaster movies of the past 50 years, including Airport and Independence Day, with celebrities and fans talking about their favourite moments.

11.30 Film: Planet of the Apes. (2001) An astronaut crash-lands on a strange planet ruled by intelligent apes, who capture and enslave him. Tim Burton's sci-fi remake, starring Mark Wahlberg, Helena Bonham Carter, Tim Roth and Michael Clarke Duncan.

1.40 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00 Film:** The 51st State (2001) **11.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.50** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **12.55** Family Guy **1.20** Fried **1.45** Top Coppers **2.15** Girls Can Code **3.15** Russell Howard's Good News **3.45** Sunny D **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Last Night at the Proms from Around the UK **8.30** The Art of the Impossible: MC Escher and Me **9.00** Exposed: Magicians, Psychics and Frauds – Storyville **10.20** BBC: The Secret Files **11.20** Al Murray's Great British War Movies **12.20** Mumbai High: The Musical **1.20** Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections **2.25** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **3.25** Close

ITV2

12.20 Catchphrase Mother's Day Special **1.15** You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 **2.15 Film:** The Shaggy Dog (2006) **4.20** The X Factor **5.50** The Xtra Factor **6.50 Film:** Twins (1988) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00 Film:** Scary Movie V (2013) **11.50** Viral Tap **12.35** Reality Bites **1.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.40** Animal Practice **2.00** Ariana Grande: The Hot Desk **2.10** Teleshopping

ITV3

9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.35** City Lights **11.35** Lewis **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.55 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **12.55 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **2.50 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit II (1980) **4.55 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **7.45 Film:** Driven (2001) **10.00 Film:** Red Heat (1988) **12.10 Film:** The Fog (1980) **2.00** Hell on Wheels **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** Bad(ish) Robots **3.00** Rude(ish) Tube **3.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Hanna (2011) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.20** Young, Free & Single **2.25** How I Met Your Mother **2.45** Rules of Engagement **3.10** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Destry Rides Again (1939) **1.00** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **3.20** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **5.45** The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) **9.00** Men in Black II (2002) **10.40** Man on a Ledge (2012) **12.45** Another Year (2010) **3.25** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Final Verdict, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A lawyer's career is advanced when she successfully prosecutes a man for the murder of his wife. Years later, she discovers that the man she put away may have been innocent after all – and that he now wants revenge on her for his imprisonment. Thriller, starring Erica Durance and Sebastien Roberts. (2009)

TUESDAY
In the Dark, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is blinded following an accident in which her husband and child are killed. She employs a nurse, only to discover he has developed a dangerous obsession with her. Thriller, starring Elisabeth Rohm, Sam Page and Shannon Elizabeth. (2013)

WEDNESDAY
Another Man's Wife, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A family takes a holiday in a remote mountain cabin to recover from a tragic accident. During the break, the members are befriended by a seemingly kind man, unaware that he is harbouring a grudge against them and has a twisted plan to ruin their lives. Thriller, starring Rena Sofer and Dylan Neal. (2011)

The Box, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

THURSDAY
Committed, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A psychologist recovering from the death of her fiance takes a job working at her mentor's unconventional mental institution. Soon after arriving, she discovers she is officially a patient, not a staff member – and a series of strange events makes her fear she is actually going mad. Thriller, starring Andrea Roth and Richard Burgi. (2011)

FRIDAY
The Box, BBC1, 11.55pm
A couple are given a mysterious wooden box with a button on it and told that if they press it, they will be given a million dollars but that someone somewhere in the world will die. After pressing the button, they fear they may be the next victim when the box is passed on, and try to find out how and why this is happening. Sci-fi thriller, with Cameron Diaz and James Marsden. (2009)

Gareth is stripping away the backing

Singing a cappella is the ultimate test of any choir according to Gareth Malone.

"Only once you've stripped away all those musical crutches that a backing track offers – it's possible to truly see, and test, the group's quality."

Originally used in religious circles, a cappella (Italian for "in the manner of the chapel") is music performed by a group or solo singer without any instrumental accompaniment.

It has become increasingly popular in recent years, with talent shows such as The X Factor challenging singers to perform a cappella to get a true indication of the power and range of their voices before making a decision on their futures.

The style has also gained popularity thanks to the 2012 film Pitch Perfect in which all-girl singing group The Bellas take on their male rivals in a campus competition.

Malone, the man behind BBC2's The Choir – which won two TV Baftas – and Gareth's All Star Choir which saw a group of celebrity singers score a No.1 last year in aid of Children in Need, is using the a cappella as the inspiration for his latest series, as he embarks on a search for the nation's most entertaining amateur group.

But although Malone has made it clear that musicianship and technical ability are important, he will also be looking for funny and astonishing performances, including some choreography and gymnastics, that could turn groups into viral stars.

Therefore The Naked Choir is expected to cover a wide variety of genres, with choirs and singing groups from gospel, barbershop, hip hop, doo wop and more all encouraged to enter at the audition stage earlier this year.

The entrants have now been whittled down to eight groups to compete in the six-part series, which will focus on their preparations for performances at famous public venues in front of big audiences.

A jury of carefully selected music experts have the final say and will decide which choirs stay in the competition and which go home.

The Naked Choir is the first commission for Malone since controller Kim Shillinglaw took charge of BBC2 in April last year.

"Gareth's energy and enthusiasm are infectious," she said.

Twenty Twenty's Tim Carter has executive produced the series, and is also clearly excited to be working with Malone.

"We've seen Gareth create choirs from scratch," he adds.

"Now he's going to lift the lid on a remarkably vibrant and creative British amateur singing scene."

"The stripped-back performances will feature no backing tracks or musical instruments in a bid to pose the ultimate test of vocal dexterity, creativity and ingenuity."

Tonight, a London community choir, an Essex gospel group, a sextet of Southampton students and female barbershoppers from Portsmouth attempt to harmonise their way into the competition's next stage.

Will they hit the right note with Gareth and judges? Or will their performance tonight be their swan song?

The Naked Choir with Gareth Malone, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Gadget Show
Channel 5, 7pm
If you have an insatiable love of gizmos, then the good news is Jason Bradbury, Amy Williams and the team are back with a new run of this ever engaging strand. As always they will be reviewing the latest technological devices on the market, including a behind-the-scenes look at gaming channel The Diamond Mindcart.

Doc Martin
ITV, 9pm
Fans of this ever engaging saga had a long wait between series, but it was worth it as Martin Clunes's eponymous medic is the best way to lift the spirits after the horrors of Monday. Yes, there's more of the usual picture postcard seaside shots, all the old favourites, and a few new ones to keep the doc on his toes, but that format never outstays its welcome. This week, Ellingham moves out of the Surgery to give Louisa space, which leaves a doting Mrs Tishell worried that he won't be able to take care of himself. Elsewhere, the ever useless PC Penhale helps Janice babysit, and Al finds out about Bert's behaviour. There are bailiffs at the restaurant, and it doesn't look like they're after fish and chips.

TUESDAY
Deals, Wheels and Steals
ITV, 7.30pm
If you're a fan of Top Gear and Bargain Hunt, then imagine a cross between the two and you get the idea behind this new series. The format is simple: car dealers compete against each other to bag the best bargain motor and sell it for a profit. Of course it's going to take a lot of ingenuity for the participants to stay one step ahead of their rivals, as this opening episode proves. New dealer Jim goes up against more experienced traders to prove he's got what it takes to cut it in this dog eat dog world. May the best man, or woman, win.

WEDNESDAY
Midwinter of the Spirit
ITV, 9pm
This new supernatural drama is sure to raise goosebumps, as it follows the work of Merrily Watkins, one of the few women priests working as an exorcist. After losing her adulterous husband Sean in a car crash, Merrily seeks refuge in her job, but it provides little comfort when her 16-year-old daughter rejects her religious beliefs and is led into the path of danger. To complicate matters further, the local police ask for Merrily's advice in the investigation of a grisly murder, and it's not long before she's risking life and limb to get to the bottom of the mystery as she starts to wonder whether satanists could be operating in the city. The stellar cast includes Anna Maxwell Martin and David Threlfall.

Midwinter of the Spirit, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Who Do You Think You Are?
BBC1, 9pm
BBC news correspondent Frank Gardner sets out to find out whether there is any truth in his late mother's claim that her side of the family first arrived in Britain with the Normans. During his search for answers, he manages to trace his ancestry all the way back to his 10-time great-grandfather Sir Michael Stanhope - a knight of the Tudor court, who was accused of treason. But the journey does not end there, as he gets much closer to his mother's suspicions than he could ever have imagined.

FRIDAY
Strictly Come Dancing
BBC1, 9pm
Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the first of this weekend's two live shows, which sees six of the 15 famous faces join forces with their professional partners to battle it out on the dance floor and convince judges Len Goodman, Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell that they can trip the light fantastic with style and grace. This year's participants are Jeremy Vine, Katie Derham, Ainsley Harriott, Kellie Bright, Georgia May Foote, Carol Kirkwood, Peter Andre, Daniel O'Donnell, Anthony Ogogo, Jay McGuiness, Anita Rani, Jamelia, Helen George, Iwan Thomas and Kirsty Gallacher. But who will follow in the fleet-footed steps of 2014 winner Caroline Flack?

Piers Morgan's Life Stories
ITV, 9pm
Punk icon John Lydon, perhaps still best known as Johnny Rotten of Sex Pistols fame - talks to Piers about his life and career. The musician looks back on his controversial rise to fame and notoriety in the band that sent shockwaves through the music industry during the late 1970s, and made headline news with anti-establishment hits such as Anarchy in the UK and God Save the Queen.

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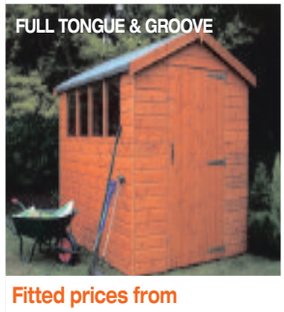

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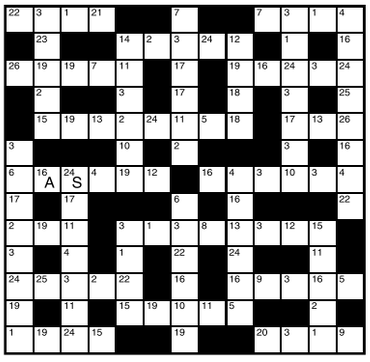

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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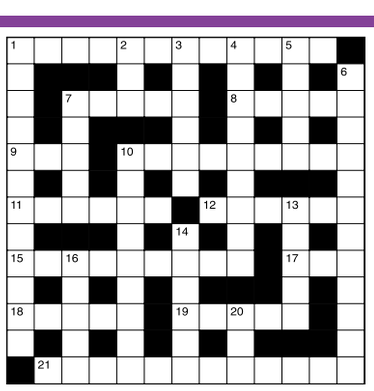
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Holding the trousers for two couples? (4,2,6)
7. The round to end all rounds (5)
8. Subtract 5 from 18 and add 500 as a corollary (5)
9. Gained 2 (3)
10. Intimate relationship leads to niggardliness? (9)
11. Ripped or backed bull-fighter (6)
12. Property in Eastern country (6)
15. Prevent the whole lot being planted with trees (9)
17. When to back 9? (3)
18. Flower gets nothing for 16's one (5)
19. Decoration obtained - could have been lamed (5)
21. Evidence that an increase hurts? (7,5)

Down

1. Act dangerously to produce spirited drama (4,4,4)
2. Have 17 (3)
3. Underneath about 50 make animal noises (6)
4. Flying ship? (3-6)
5. Furnish with some forgotten duets (5)
6. Misunderstanding's got over cables (7,5)
7. A punishing fellow, perhaps, to be more exact (5)
10. One on the bottle is a twister! (9)
13. Cancel and expunge article from year-book (5)
14. Bacon would be back in the game (6)
16. Letter finished for pirate (5)
20. Those who take it can't expect to keep dry (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Serious lack of care (5,7)
7. Fissure (5)
8. Topic (5)
9. Look at (3)
10. Power-maker (9)
11. Transfix (6)
12. England (6)
15. Learnedly (9)
17. Hill (3)
18. Porcelain (5)
19. Bread-maker (5)
21. There (2,10)

Down

1. Testify (4,8)
2. Observe (3)
3. Prolong (6)
4. From the side (9)
5. Swindle (5)
6. Back door (4,8)
7. Inexpensive (5)
10. Gad about (9)
13. Bury (5)
14. Weak (6)
16. Fusion (5)
20. Little goat (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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8	6	3	5	1	9	7	4	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Footman; 8 Orally; 9 Startle; 10 Tissue; 11 Inform; 12 Good hand; 18 Hornpipe; 20 Defeat; 21 Grasps; 22 Parties; 23 Honour; 24 Selfish. Down: 1 Postage; 2 Passion; 3 Slough; 5 Outsider; 6 Tariff; 7 Allure; 13 Ash-trees; 14 Mission; 15 Measure; 16 Deface; 17 Seat of; 19 Narrow. QUICK - Across: 4 Absolve; 8 Reason; 9 Flowery; 10 Jostle; 11 Target; 12 Constant; 18 Preserve; 20 Finish; 21 Frigid; 22 Pretext; 23 Cannon; 24 General. Down: 1 Project; 2 Passing; 3 Goblet; 5 Belittle; 6 Onward; 7 Vortex; 13 Asphyxia; 14 Progeny; 15 Wedding; 16 Fierce; 17 Little; 19 Streak.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who founded the first US detective agency in 1850?
2. What plant is also called 'shepherd's weatherglass'?
3. Who ruled England for nine days in 1553?
4. Which poet wrote Sonnets from the Portuguese?
5. Which metal is symbolised by the letters Co?
6. What was the original surname of film producer Sam Goldwyn?
7. What was the most famous TV role of actor Jay Silverheels?
8. Which jazz player wrote the song Mood Indigo?
9. What is the name of the professor in the game 'Cluedo'?
10. Which fruit has varieties such as Merton Glory and Napoleon Bigarreau?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Butterfly; 2 Jamaica; 3 Berkshire; 4 Schwarzwald; 5 Yellow River; 6 The Red Cross; 7 1859; 8 Irving Berlin; 9 Richmal Crompton; 10 Purple Heart.

Niner: INTERPLAY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

569 gives a boy,
6427 gives a relative,
9827137 gives a professional.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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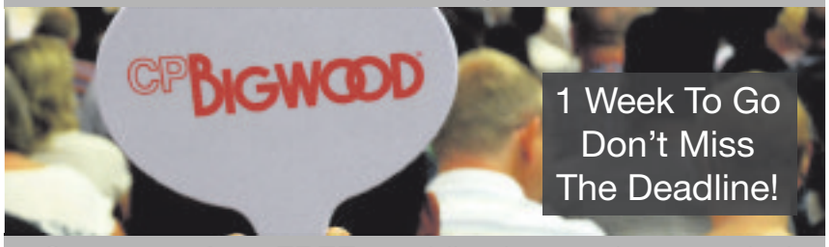

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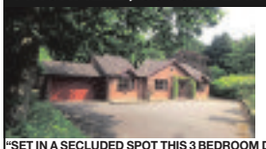
FINCHFIELD, SUSSEX DRIVE £370,000



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TETTENHALL DANESCOURT ROAD £280,000

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NEW

"AN EXTENDED & IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION & READY TO MOVE IN TO - CALL NOW ON 01902 710170" Comprising porch, hall, lounge, lounge through diner, kitchen/diner, conservatory, five bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, garage, off road parking & rear garden. EPC rating D

MONMORE GRANGE ARDGOWAN GROVE £245,000

NEW

"WELL PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY LAID OUT FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME, IMPRESSIVELY PROPORTIONED AND OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN!" Comprising - entrance hall, cloak room, lounge, kitchen diner, four bedrooms, master en suite, family bathroom, garage, off road parking, front & rear gardens. EPC rating C

PENN HANBURY CRESCENT £240,000

NEW

"PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE AND DELIGHTFULLY DECORATED IS THIS EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY IN THE PENN AREA" Comprising - entrance hall, cloak room, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility rooms, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, panel enclosed rear garden, garage. EPC rating E

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FORDHOUSES STAFFORD ROAD £200,000

NEW

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NEW

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CASTLECROFT FARLEIGH DRIVE £180,000

NEW

"TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME SET IN THE SOUGHT AFTER CASTLECROFT AREA!" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge through diner, further dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, rear garden, garage. EPC rating TBC

DUNSTALL GATIS STREET £180,000

"AN EXTENDED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM (PREVIOUSLY FIVE BEDROOM) DETACHED FAMILY HOME" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen dining area, study/play room, downstairs cloakroom, utility area, four bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking & garage, rear garden. EPC Rating D

MERRY HILL COALWAY GARDENS £175,000

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PENN WARSTONES DRIVE £145,000

NEW

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MERRIDALE ELM STREET £139,950

NEW

"POSITIONED AT THE END OF A CUL DE SAC THIS DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW IS CERTAINLY ONE TO VIEW!" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge dining room, bedroom three, fitted kitchen, shower room, first floor having two further bedrooms, lawns to front, side and slabbed area to rear. EPC rating E

BRADMORE GLENMORE CLOSE £137,500

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NEW

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WESTCROFT, CANNOCK ROAD £290,000

"IMPRESSIVELY PROPORTIONED & HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY IN THE SOUGHT AFTER WESTCROFT AREA" Comprising porch, hall, cloakroom, lounge through diner, extended fitting kitchen diner, four bedroom, en-suite & bathroom, off road parking, garage & rear garden. EPC rating D

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"A MODERN HIGHLY DECEPTIVE EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOME SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising lounge, entertainment open plan family dining kitchen, conservatory, ground floor shower room & separate family bathroom, FOUR BEDROOMS, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC rating E

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FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

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OFFERS AROUND £495,000

TETTENHALL

NEW PRICE

• Deceptively spacious and elegantly designed traditional style 4 Bedroom Detached family residence standing in delightfully established gardens of about one third of an acre set within almost semi-rural surroundings on the western outskirts of the city, convenient for facilities at Tettenhall village • Arranged over three floors the layout includes: Entrance Hall and Fitted Guest's Cloakroom • 25ft Lounge with attractive fireplace and living flame gas fire • Separate Dining Room • Spacious 'L' shaped Kitchen and Breakfast Area • Separate plumbed Utility • Three first floor Bedrooms, one with En-Suite facility to stylish Shower Room and access to rear balcony • House Bathroom with free standing bath • Staircase to Second Floor Bedroom • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Roomy Garage (31ft x 12ft) and double width driveway • Private, 180ft long east facing rear garden • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £450,000

CODSALL

• Enviably located Detached residence enjoying exclusive setting opposite fields on village outskirts yet within half mile of central amenities and walking distance of railway station • Particularly stylish accommodation with superb specification incorporating quality appointments • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • 20ft. Lounge • Separate Dining area • Open plan to lavishly equipped Kitchen including integrated appliances, granite surfaces etc and adjoining Laundry • Galleried Landing with feature balcony • Four double Bedrooms, master with elegant contemporary-style Shower-room en-suite • Luxurious family Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Double width Garage plus generous forecourt parking facilities • Beautifully landscaped Gardens • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £445,000

FINCHFIELD

NEW PRICE

• Exceptionally attractive Detached residence standing in beautifully mature private setting at end of select cul-de-sac with excellent range of amenities conveniently accessible • Delightfully characteristic accommodation, original quality specification embellished with comfortable modern appointments, superbly presented and enjoying exquisite homely ambience • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Lounge with inglenook and adjoining Garden Room • Bay-fronted Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen • Side Porch and second fitted Cloakroom/Laundry • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom and separate Toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Virtually full double glazing • 29ft. Garage and forecourt parking facilities • Lovely landscaped gardens enjoying considerable privacy • (EPC: C)

OFFERS AROUND £385,000

WOMBOURNE

NEW INSTRUCTION

COPPER BEECH DRIVE • Beautifully presented modern style 4 Bed, 2 Bath Detached in much favoured setting just off premier Greenhill within easy reach of the village centre facilities and schools • Split level design and standing in a very pleasant corner plot with established gardens • Significantly enlarged layout • Porch & Hall with direct access to garage and Fitted Guest's Cloaks • Sitting Room/4th Bedroom • Upper floor: Impressive 'L' shaped Lounge and Diner with balcony & panoramic views • Breakfast Kitchen with appliances • 12ft x 12ft uPVC double glazed Conservatory • Master Bedroom with wardrobes and En-Suite • Two further Bedrooms, one with wardrobes • Family Bathroom • Gas CH and double glazing • Double Garage with electric door • Viewing highly recommended • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £359,950

WHEATON ASTON

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

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OFFERS AROUND £275,000

TETTENHALL WOOD

• Spacious three Bedroom Detached Bungalow nicely tucked away in pleasant private drive setting within prime locality, a short level walk to excellent selection of shopping facilities and amenities • In need of some cosmetic updating the property provides scope to create a comfortable bungalow in delightful surroundings • The well proportioned layout features: Hall with fitted Guest's Cloakroom • Large Lounge with distinctive marble fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen • Rear Lobby with Pantry off • Three double Bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes • Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double-width Garage plus driveway parking facilities • Established mature gardens, particularly private at rear • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £264,950

WOMBOURNE

STATION ROAD • Conveniently positioned traditional style 3 Bed Detached Bungalow occupying an established position of popularity within walking distance of the village centre facilities with public transport on hand close by • Set in pretty lawned gardens to the side and rear • Generous sized accommodation • Entrance Porch • 20ft long Hall • Spacious Lounge • Sitting Room • Kitchen • Lean-To Verandah/Porch • 3 Bedrooms • Refitted Shower Room with white suite • Gas CH to radiators • Garage (16'6" x 9'6") and driveway parking • A delightful property with scope for improvement (EPC: F)

OFFERS AROUND £242,500

BRADMORE

• Very attractive Detached residence particularly pleasantly positioned overlooking sports ground and in close proximity to St Philips conservation area providing lovely leafy environment • Charming accommodation blending traditional character features with comfortable modern specification and enjoying delightful ambience • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Bay-fronted Lounge with distinctive period-style fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Well appointed Kitchen • Three good Bedrooms • Superb large luxury Bathroom (outstanding feature!) • Gas-fired central heating • Block-paved forecourt parking facility • Nicely landscaped gardens including excellent feature patio areas • (EPC: F)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

FINCHFIELD

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

• Outstanding traditional-style semi offering superb family accommodation in favoured cul-de-sac position within one of the city's most popular neighbourhoods • Impressively extended layout of particularly spacious proportions and incorporating excellent standard of appointment • Porch and Hall • Dining Room with marble fireplace • Spacious Sitting Room • Elegant Conservatory • Additional Breakfast Room • Stylish Kitchen with fine range of fittings • Fitted Cloakroom and Store/Utility • Four Bedrooms • Large luxury Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Block-paved forecourt parking facilities • Beautifully landscaped garden extending 80ft. to rear including lovely feature timber-decked patio areas • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

BANBERY DRIVE • Property with the 'WOW' factor!! • Modern style 3 Bed, 2 Bath Detached in favoured cul-de-sac setting off Bridgnorth Road on southern village outskirts with facilities on hand close by • No expense spared creating a stunning property with a high standard of fittings • Entrance Hall with oak front door • Impressive open plan Living Room and Kitchen, the latter having an exquisite range of units with granite work surfaces and integrated appliances • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room • Two further good sized Bedrooms • Luxurious Family Bathroom with both bath and large shower • Integral Garage • New gas CH, new uPVC double glazing and rewired; • Double-with block-paved driveway • Superb lawned rear garden with patio and open aspect (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £223,000

HIMLEY

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

CHURNS HILL LANE • Luxuriously appointed and delightfully positioned 2 Bed GF Apartment, part of the popular Limes development for the over 55's • Lovely village setting just off the A449 with facilities available at nearby Wombourne village • Flat 31 is particularly 'light and airy' set in separate block of 4 provided with its own front door • Hall • Pleasant Living Room • Well-fitted Kitchen with a range of integrated appliances and adjoining Dining/Sitting Area • Bedroom 1 with fitted wardrobes and En-Suite Shower Room • Bedroom 2 with wardrobes • Bathroom with stylish suite • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Leasehold and Service Charge payable (full details from agents) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • • (EPC: C)

OFFERS AROUND £204,950

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

MOUNT ROAD • Conveniently positioned traditional style 2 Bed Detached Bungalow in need of updating and general refurbishment but offering scope to create a comfortable property in delightful surroundings • Situated just off Station Road and within walking distance of the excellent village facilities • Porch and Hall • Living Room with fitted gas fire • Sizeable Breakfast Kitchen • 2 Bedrooms • Bathroom with electric shower over bath • Part Gas CH and majority double glazing • Potential Off-Road Parking to front • Long rear garden comprising patio, timber sheds/greenhouses and extensive vegetable garden • An ideal project - NO UPWARD CHAIN • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

COVEN

NEW PRICE

• Very attractive modern-style semi-detached Bungalow handily positioned within short walking distance of village centre amenities • Impressively presented accommodation with newly refurbished specification and comfortably proportioned layout • 20ft Living Room • Nicely appointed Kitchen • Two Bedrooms • Smart white contemporary-style Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage and driveway/forecourt parking • Neatly landscaped gardens • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

TETTENHALL WOOD

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

• Traditional-style semi with pleasant wooded outlook in much favoured neighbourhood on the outskirts of the city • Well proportioned accommodation with comfortable modern standard of appointment and scope for a little further upgrading to realise full potential • Bay-fronted Sitting Room • Separate Dining Room • Well fitted Breakfast Kitchen • Three good Bedrooms • Smart white Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Forecourt parking facility • Neatly landscaped gardens • (EPC: C)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

SANDRINGHAM ROAD • Conveniently positioned 2 Bed traditional style Semi-Detached house situated in pleasant position not far from local shopping in Planks Lane and handy for the village centre facilities and local schools • In need of some cosmetic upgrading and modernisation • Side Hall • Living Room with ornate feature fireplace and living flame gas fire • Kitchen • Ground Floor Shower Room with modern style suite • Two good sized first floor Bedrooms • Gas CH from modern combination boiler and double glazing • Brick Garage and driveway parking • Pleasantly established rear garden with backdrop of trees • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • • (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £137,500

FINCHFIELD

• Cottage-style Terraced Townhouse set well back from the road in consistently popular neighbourhood with excellent choice of amenities conveniently accessible • Well planned accommodation, neatly presented with comfortable modern standard of appointment • Porch and Hall • 20ft Living Room • Kitchen with impressive range of fittings plus coordinating Utility adjoining • Three Bedrooms (one with range of fitted wardrobes) • Bathroom and separate Toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Virtually full double glazing • Driveway parking facilities • Lawned gardens front and rear • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £134,950

WEST PARK

NEW INSTRUCTION

• Modern three-storey Townhouse designed with elegant period-style influence, situated within yards of picturesque West Park and walking distance to city centre • Versatile accommodation, well suited to family occupation or for investment/letting purposes • Living Room • Kitchen with integrated appliances • Fitted Cloakroom • Two first floor Bedrooms • First floor Bathroom • Top floor Master Bedroom with adjoining Bathroom featuring both bath and separate shower cubicle • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Leasehold. 999 years • Ground Rent/Service Charge payable • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £125,000

TETTENHALL

NEW PRICE

• Quaint Victorian Terraced residence tucked away in pleasant backwater position off Aldersley Road with excellent amenities close at hand • Charming accommodation retaining original period character features, beautifully presented with stylish décor and contemporary appointments • Living Room with feature fireplace • Attractively fitted Dining Kitchen • Double Bedroom • Large luxury Bathroom with superb suite including both bath and separate shower cubicle • Gas-fired central heating • Paviour-effect forecourt parking facilities • Very appealing. Must be seen! • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £116,950

MERRIDALE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

• Attractive end-terraced Townhouse conveniently located for easy direct access into the city centre • Comfortably proportioned accommodation, neatly presented whilst offering scope for some refurbishment and modernisation • Porch and Hall • Lounge and Dining Room interlinking in open plan style • Basic Kitchen • Three Bedrooms, all with built-in wardrobes • Dated Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Compact gardens, mainly hard landscaped for easy maintenance • Garage in adjacent court • (EPC: E)

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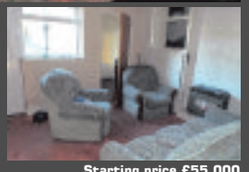

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AUCTION DATE - 14TH OCTOBER 2015

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- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- SHOWER ROOM

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BUSHBURY HAWKSFORD CRESCENT
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- MODERN FAMILY BATHROOM

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OXLEY OXLEY MOOR ROAD
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- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
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WANTED
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OXLEY THREE TUNS LANE
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LARGE LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING

£95,000

BUSHBURY GOODYEAR AVENUE
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Offers Based On £475,000

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Asking Price £315,000

TETTENHALL WOOD

NEW PRICE

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- Gas Central Heating

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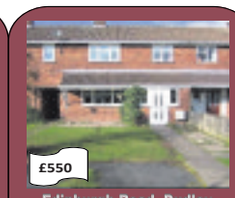

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- Terraced house
- Large garden
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- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Garden At Rear

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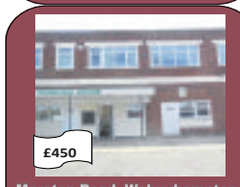
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Large Driveway
- Garden



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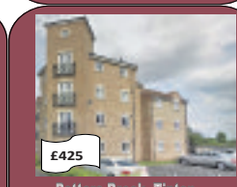

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- Kitchen
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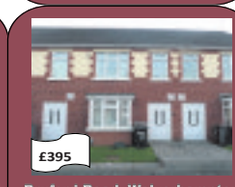
- Bathroom
- First Floor Flat



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£485,000

GOLDTHORN PARK

A very spacious and beautifully appointed Detached Double Fronted Bungalow of exceptional attraction, commanding a wide and most impressive frontage do this highly popular road. Enclosed porch, dining hall, most attractive lounge, large uPVC double glazed conservatory, stunning dining kitchen, utility, cloakroom with w.c., three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom with separate shower, uPVC DG, gas central heating, garage. A particular feature is the large delightfully landscaped gardens extending to c.1/3 acre, considerable potential for extensions/possibly converting into a large two story house (subject to PP). Viewing recommended. Energy rating D

Offers £349,000

COVEN

A beautifully presented and highly attractive Detached Family Residence appointed and decorated to a very high standard, enjoying a pleasant setting only a short distance from the village centre with many lovely country walks nearby. Tile canopy porch, hall, guests cloakroom, splendid lounge, large uPVC DG conservatory, superbly fitted dining kitchen, principal bedroom with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms, deluxe family bathroom, uPVC DG, gas CH, car port, garage, landscaped gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

£249,500

PENN

A very spacious Edwardian Semi Detached character residence of considerable interest, previously used as a Guest House providing useful income potential. Standing in a delightful garden setting the property offers: Porch, hall, lounge, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby, utility, separate w.c., four good bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, parking for four cars at the front. Double gates give access for ample secure parking at the rear. No Upward Chain. Energy rating: D

Offers £220,000

FORDHOUSES

A considerably extended and beautifully presented Semi Detached Family Residence of outstanding attraction, appointed and decorated to a very high standard and enjoying a highly convenient setting close to a wide range of local amenities. Enclosed porch, hall, fine lounge, dining room, breakfast room, stunning 18ft kitchen, conservatory, utility/shower room with w.c., three first floor bedrooms, deluxe family bathroom, beautifully fitted loft bedroom suite with principal bedroom and ensuite shower room with w.c., uPVC DG, CH, large 20ft garage, ample parking space, private and delightfully landscaped rear garden. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

£229,000

PENN

A pleasing Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this very popular area just off Buttons Farm Road; excellent local shops, schools and bus services are readily available and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are within easy travelling distance.. Reception hall, through lounge/dining area, kitchen, freezer room/workshop, toilet, store room/potential utility room. three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, drive affording ample parking space, garage, private rear garden, further lawned garden at the side, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: D

Offers, guide £195,000

PENN FIELDS

A very spacious and most impressive Victorian End Terraced Family Residence of exceptional appeal holding prominent corner setting in this highly popular area. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, cellar, breakfast kitchen, deluxe bathroom, four bedrooms, shower room, utility/store room with w.c. off, CH, uPVC DG, large double width garage, enclosed walled courtyard garden. Ideal home for the growing family or family with dependent relative. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating: D

Offers from £190,000

PENN

Enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this popular road, a considerably extended Detached Family Residence in need of some modernisation and redecoration but affording considerable scope for improvement. Enclosed porch, hall, cloakroom with w.c., dining room, extended lounge, "L" shaped breakfast room/kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room conversion, majority uPVC DG, CH, garage, gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

£160,000

BILSTON

A highly distinctive and very spacious semi detached family residence ideal for the growing family or family with a dependent relative, holding a convenient setting handy for Bilston, Willenhall and Wolverhampton shopping centres. Enclosed Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, 16ft Kitchen, cloakroom/potential shower room, Five Bedrooms, Wet Room with walk-in shower, separate w.c., CH, uPVC DG, off road parking space, workshop, garden store and w.c, Generous sized rear garden. Energy rating: C

Offers, guide £160,000

PENN COMMON

A period Mid Terraced Cottage in need of some updating but affording considerable potential for improvement and extension, enjoying a lovely setting with breath taking views over The Common, Penn Golf Course and far reaching views beyond. Enclosed porch, lounge, dining room, inner lobby, bathroom, kitchen, two bedrooms, part uPVC DG, gas CH, rear garden, large garden store. No upward chain. Energy rating: C

Offers, guide £155,000

MERRIDALE

An extended and surprisingly spacious Semi Detached Family Residence of much attraction conveniently situated for the city centre and a wide range of local facilities. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, uPVC double glazed conservatory, extended breakfast kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage at the rear, generous sized gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers, guide £149,500

FEATHERSTONE

A pleasing Semi Detached House ideal for first time buyers or investors seeking rental income, attractively situated on this very popular development. Reception hall, lounge with dining area off, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, ample parking space, gardens. Awaiting EPC

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COMPTON

A particularly pleasing purpose built Second Floor Flat, ideal for the first time buyer or young at heart, enjoying a choice setting within walking distance of Compton's shopping centre. Security entry phone, communal entrance, private reception hall, attractive lounge, well fitted dining kitchen, double bedroom, deluxe bathroom, laundry facility, landscaped communal gardens, communal parking, electric heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: E

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LANGLEY ROAD, MERRY HILL

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£575,000 PX CONSIDERED

FINCHFIELD GARDENS, FINCHFIELD

A most attractive & individual detached property providing immensely characterful living space, residing within lovely 0.35 acre plot & conservation area: spacious and inviting 16ft6in reception hall, cloaks/W.C, splendid through lounge, adjoining garden room, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen with AGA, 17ft10in x 11ft5in family room, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, GFCH, 2 double garages, gardens on 3 elevations.(F/58)

OFFERS AROUND £525,000

MAYSWOOD DRIVE, WIGHTWICK

A most imposing & impressive detached residence, offering exceptional living space of quality, residing within this premier neighbourhood & cul-de-sac; 17ft reception hall, W.C, 3 living rooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms, luxury fit master en suite & house bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, double garage, large block paved drive, delightfully landscaped gardens, adjoining woodlands of Wightwick Manor. (E/50)

OFFERS AROUND £435,000

CASTLECROFT GARDENS, FINCHFIELD

A most attractive & individual detached property created by the renowned Major Hutchinson Smith providing immensely characterful living space & occupying a superb 0.22 acre plot, reception hall, W.C, 2 charming living rooms, conservatory, country style kitchen, utility room, 3 good bedrooms, spacious bathroom, GFCH, impressive frontage, delightfully mature gardens, garage & carport, sought after cul-de-sac. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £425,000

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A superbly well proportioned & very nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent extended family living space; side porch, hallway, W.C, impressive 20ft1in lounge, 15ft2in dining room, adjoining sitting area, 17ft conservatory, open plan 17ft5in fitted kitchen, large utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, long driveway, mature gardens.(D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £339,950

QUAIL GREEN, WIGHTWICK

A superior executive family home offering most spacious & versatile living space, residing within a highly desirable area & cul-de-sac: inviting hall, cloaks/W.C, impressive 25ft1in x 24ft5in L shaped living room with dining area, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms, en suite to master, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double drive & garage, mature gardens. (E/38))

OFFERS AROUND £320,000

PENN ROAD, PENN

An outstanding & most attractive period semi detached property offering exceptionally spacious family living space interestingly structured over 3 floors & having been maintained to a high standard; inviting hallway, 3 living rooms, open plan fitted kitchen, rear porch, W.C, 5 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, luxury shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, imprinted drive, mature garden.(E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £289,500

ASHFIELD ROAD, COMPTON

A substantial & extensively improved upon detached property offering an excellent standard of extremely spacious family living space: hall, W.C, study/bed 4, 2 living rooms, UPVCDG conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility, 3 double bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, GFCH, majority UPVCDG, double garage, 70ft driveway, attractive gardens. (E/51)

OFFERS AROUND £269,950

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OFFERS AROUND £259,950

BRAMSTEAD AVENUE, COMPTON

An substantially extended & improved link detached property offering an outstanding standard of exceptionally well presented family living space, residing within this sought after & convenient neighbourhood; hall, guest cloaks/W.C, 2 impressive living rooms, well equipped kitchen, 4 good bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, 26ft garage, mature gardens, substantial corner plot. NO CHAIN

OFFERS AROUND £259,950

RICHMOND AVENUE, FINCHFIELD

An extremely well presented modern detached property offering well planned family living space, occupying an enviable position within this sought after Cul-de-sac; hall, guest W.C, full width lounge, dining room, comprehensively refitted kitchen, 4 good bedrooms, refitted bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, carport, garage, mature front & rear gardens. (D/64)

OFFERS AROUND £249,950

SHAW LANE, TETTENHALL WOOD

AWARD WINNING NEW BUILD HELP TO BUY An attractive 2 storey semi detached property of generous proportions offering an outstanding standard of stylish living space; inviting hall, W.C, impressive lounge, well equipped open plan kitchen diner, 4 good bedrooms, 2 well appointed en suites, house bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, established garden, rear access & parking space.(TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £245,000

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

An excellent traditional detached property offering of superbly spacious & highly versatile living family living space: inviting hall, 27ft living room, superb UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive 14ft kitchen, rear hall, utility, W.C, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, W.C, GFCH, UPVCDG, garage, delightful 120ft garden, large loft ideal for conversion (STPP&R). NO CHAIN (E/54)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

CHERRINGTON GARDENS, COMPTON

A substantially extended link detached property of generous proportions, residing within this sought after neighbourhood, advantageously situated for good local amenities; hall, guest W.C, full width lounge, separate dining room, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, DG, GFCH, carport, garage, utility & storage rooms, lengthy drive, mature gardens.(E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £229,950

FORTON CLOSE, COMPTON

An interesting link detached property having been improved upon to create stylish & most spacious living accommodation, occupying a prominent position with this desirable neighbourhood & cul-de-sac: hall, guest W.C, impressive 22ft living room, feature balcony, well equipped kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, long drive, double carport, utility/storage room, mature gardens, (E/51)

OFFERS AROUND £227,500

HENWOOD ROAD, COMPTON

An attractive & fastidiously maintained detached bungalow of good proportions, residing in a mature plot close to local amenities: enclosed porch, inviting 19ft7in hall, inner lobby, guest cloaks/W.C, pleasant 'L' shaped living/dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lengthy drive, garage, mature gardens. (E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

BUTTONS FARM ROAD, PENN

A substantial & attractive traditional detached property having been well maintained & decorated to a high standard to create an excellent family home, occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac postion: hallway, 2 pleasing living rooms, UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, block drive, mature gardens.(E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

ADAMS ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive detached property offering substantially extended family living space, residing within this sought after location & road with scope to further improve: porch, inviting hall, impressive 22ft5in lounge, dining room, 13ft2in breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, maj DG, driveway, garage, delightfully mature garden, NO CHAIN (E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

ALPINE WAY, COMPTON

An attractive link detached property built to a highly popular & regarded design, occupying a pleasant position in a small select cul-de-sac, most convenient for village amenities; hall, guest W.C, study/bed 4, 18ft lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, carport & garage, mature front & rear gardens. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £210,000

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

LANDLORD INVESTMENT 2 FLATS FREEHOLD INCLUDED An excellent opportunity to acquire this purpose built freehold development made up of 2 generously proportioned apartments offering superbly spacious & versatile living spaces with delightfully mature communal garden to rear and paved court yard frontage providing useful off road parking spaces.(TBA)

GUIDE PRICE £200,000

HARRIOTTS HAYES LA, CODSALL WD

A traditional semi detached property occupying a most pleasant leafy country lane setting, surprisingly convenient for village amenities, including railway stations at both Albrighton & Codsall; hall, 2 living rooms, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, ESH, UPVCDG, mature gardens, driveway, nice outlook. NO CHAIN (F/34)

OFFERS AROUND £194,950

MARKET LANE, LOWER PENN

An attractive semi detached property offering charming living space of character, residing within a superb semi rural location, enjoying open aspect countryside views: refitted 16ft5in through kitchen, utility area, impressive 14ft2in lounge, conservatory, 2 good bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, DG, ECH, detached brick outbuilding, lovely long garden adjoining farmland. (F/30)

OFFRS AROUND £189,950

BROAD LANE, FINCHFIELD

A most attractive & characterful Victorian terrace property overlooking Bantock Park providing particularly spacious & highly versatile living accommodation, extremely convenient for good amenities:inviting hall, cellar, 3 living rooms, stylish modern kitchen, 3 generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C, S/DG, GFCH, garage to rear, long mature garden. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

OFF DANESCOURT ROAD, TETTENHALL

LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE A stunning development of 26 individual apartments, nicely situated within the splendid prime location of Danescourt, presently under development by Bantock Homes Ltd due to be completed late 2015. Further information available upon request. PRE-BUILD RESERVATION & PRICE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO A NON REFUNDABLE HOLDING DEPOSIT.

PRICES £165,000 TO 250,000

CHERRINGTON GARDENS, COMPTON

An extended link detached property with scope to improve, offering particularly spacious & highly versatile living accommodation, located within this popular neighbourhood: hall, 17ft4in lounge, 24ft sitting room with dining area, kitchen, inner hall, W.C, ground floor bed 5, 2 first floor bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, GFWAH, UPVCDG, 32ft garage, mature gardens, convenient location. NO CHAIN (E/49)

OFFERS AROUND £184,950

BRANDON PARK, MERRY HILL

A particularly well presented modern styled detached property having been extensively improved upon over the years, occupying a pleasant position at the head of a cul-de-sac; hall, pleasant lounge, separate dining room, 16ft6ib breakfast kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

BUSHFIELD ROAD, ALBRIGHTON

A modern link detached bungalow with scope to modernise & improve, occupying a pleasant corner plot, conveniently placed only a short distance away from the well served village centre with its many local amenities: hall, 18ft5in living/dining room, breakfast kitchen, inner hall, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, ESH, UPVCDG, 33ft10in garage, mature gardens, convenient location. NO CHAIN (E/47)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

CASTLECROFT HOUSE, CASTLECROFT RD

A delightful first floor life style apartment forming part of this prestigious development offering an excellent standard of well appointed living space; inviting hall, attractive living room, stylish well equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, allocated parking, pleasant communal grounds encompassed by sporting & cricket fields. (B/82)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

OXBARN AVENUE, BRADMORE

An impressive extended semi detached property offering generously proportioned & well planned living space which has been well maintained throughout; hall, 2 living rooms, extended kitchen, garden/utility room, 3 bedrooms, shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, lovely rear garden, utility garage, driveway, convenient location. NO CHAIN (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

TRYSULL ROAD, BRADMORE

A most impressive extended semi detached house with attic conversion, offering nicely presented family living space; hall, front sitting room, main extended rear living room, extended breakfast kitchen, utility area with shower room off, 3 bedrooms, attic room, bathroom suite, DG, GFCH, large utility garage & workshop, long enclosed rear garden, block paved drive.(E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £162,500

WOODLAND AVENUE, TETTENHALL WD

An exceptionally well presented semi detached property offering an excellent standard of generous family living space, residing within a convenient & popular location, close to good amenities: hall, attractive living room, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, W.C, UPVCDG conservatory, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, long mature garden. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £155,000

BRANDON PARK, MERRY HILL

A modern link detached property with excellent scope for prospective buyers to improve to own requirements, occupying a pleasant position at the head of a cul-de-sac; hall, pleasant lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, garage & driveway, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/58)

OFFERS AROUND £154,950

HENWOOD ROAD, TETTENHALL

A most charming & characterful mid terrace property offering particularly well presented & maintained living space with rear view over grounds to Valley Park nature walk; hall, impressive through living room with dining area, country style breakfast kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, part UPVCDG, GFCH, garage in block, delightfully mature gardens. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £152,500

STRATHFIELD WALK, MERRY HILL

A most generously proportioned end town house property providing an outstanding standard of family living space with nice outlook to front; porch, hall, utility, W.C, impressive lounge, breakfast kitchen open plan to sitting/dining room, conservatory, 3 good bedrooms, en suite/dressing room (originally bed 4), bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lovely front & rear gardens, general parking at rear. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

TRYSULL ROAD, BRADMORE

An impressive semi detached house providing a good standard of generously proportioned living space, situated in a sought after location & within easy reach of surrounding general amenities, Bantock Park and Wolverhampton city centre; hall, lounge, restyled dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom suite with shower, UPVCDG, GFCH, long enclosed rear garden, off road parking. (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £139,500

FINCHIELD RD W, FINCHFIELD

A spacious ground floor apartment requiring modernisation, forming part of this small select development set in a matured living environment, located close to Bantock Park & a regular bus route: hall, pleasant living room, kitchen, inner hall, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom UPVCDG, ESH, communal gardens & parking, garage in separate block. NO CHAIN (E/47)

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NEW PRICE

152 WERGS ROADTETTENHALL

£339,950

Occupying a choice location in a much sought after residential area, this individually designed detached residence has been thoughtfully extended and restyled by the present owners to create an extremely spacious and versatile family home.

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Open Plan Living Room with Dining Area * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of white units & integrated appliances * Double Glazed Conservatory * Garage with Utility Area & Rear Lobby * First Floor Galleried Landing * Three Bedrooms * Two Ensuites * Study * Family Bathroom * Mature Landscaped Rear Garden * EPC D * NO UPWARD CHAIN

NEW PRICE

1 ENNERDALE ROAD, PALMERS CROSS

£276,000

Occupying a corner position with mature surrounding gardens this well-appointed detached bungalow occupies a choice position in a favoured residential area convenient for the majority of amenities. A superb example of its type and viewing highly recommended, the accommodation further comprises:

Reception Porch to Spacious Entrance Hall * Good Size Living Room with Dining Area * Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Double Glazed Conservatory with Utility * Inner Hall with Stores * Three Double Bedrooms * Shower Room * Detached Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

NEW PRICE

118 WOODTHORNE ROAD SOUTH, TETTENHALL

£265,000

A most distinctive extended detached property situated in one of the most sought after locations in Tettenhall, this excellent example of a family house must be inspected to appreciate the well-appointed living accommodation.

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Front Sitting/ Dining Room * Extended Rear Living Room * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Utility * Fitted Cloakroom * Garage * First Floor Galleried Landing * Three Bedrooms * Refitted Smart Family Bathroom * Mature Surrounding Landscaped Gardens * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

94 SANDY LANE, CODSALL

£255,000

Occupying a choice position on the outskirts of Codsall village this detached bungalow is ideally situated with the majority of amenities, the tastefully appointed interior incorporates many features throughout.

Entrance Hall * Charming Living Room * Bespoke Breakfast Kitchen with refitted units & integrated appliances * Double Glazed Conservatory * Two Bedrooms both with fitted wardrobes * Refitted Bathroom with white suite * Garage * Landscaped Attractive Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * Convenient for Codsall & Bilbrook Train Station * EPC Rating D

NEW PRICE

173a Castlecroft Road, CASTLECROFT

£249,000

Situated in a popular residential area and within walking distance of Windmill Lane Shops and the amenities therein, this individually designed detached bungalow offers surprisingly spacious living accommodation being an excellent example of its type. Constructed to a well-planned design the interior includes:

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall with Cloaks Cupboard * Living Room with Sitting Area * Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units and archway to Dining Room * Inner Hall * Bathroom * Three Bedrooms with built in wardrobes * Carport to Double Garage with WC * Mature Landscaped Rear Garden with Green House * Gas Central Heating * EPC Rating D

NEW

50 WOODFIELD HEIGHTS, TETTENHALL

£249,950

Situated on a popular modern development convenient for easy access to Tettenhall Village this modern detached property is also within easy access of the city centre. Constructed to a well-planned design providing surprisingly spacious living accommodation the property is an ideal example of a family house:

Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloak/ Shower Room * Open Plan L-Shaped Living Room with Dining Area * Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * First Floor Landing * Four Bedrooms * Fitted Family Bathroom * Screened Off Road Parking * Good Size Tandem Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

NEW

162 CASTLECROFT ROAD, CASTLECROFT

£185,000

Situated in a popular residential area particularly convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops, this extended semi-detached property is a fine example of a family house.

Porch to Entrance Hall * Front Sitting/ Dining Room * Extended Rear Living Room * Kitchen with matching suite of units * First Floor Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Driveway providing Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles * Carport & Garage * Gas Central Heating * Mature Rear Garden * EPC Rating E

24 LYNDALE DRIVE, WEDNESFIELD

£169,950

Occupying a pleasant position in a favoured residential area ideally situated for the majority of amenities including schools and shops this modern detached house is also most convenient for access to principle towns. Designed to a well-planned specification utilising the maximum space the property has been extended over the years and now includes:

Entrance Hall * Extended Living Room * L-Shaped Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Double Glazed Conservatory * First Floor Landing * Two Bedrooms * Refitted Contemporary Shower Room * Detached Garage with workshop * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

NEW

34 LAWNSWOOD AVENUE, TETTENHALL

£155,000

Situated in a favoured location and occupying a pleasant cul de sac potion this semi-detached property has been extended to provide surprisingly spacious living accommodation which has gas central heating & mainly double glazing further comprises:

Reception to Entrance Hall * Front Living Room * Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units* Sitting Room * Dining Room* First Floor Landing * Three Bedrooms * Shower Room * Enclosed Rear Garden * Tandem Car Port & Garage * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

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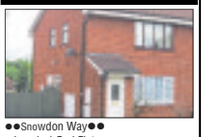

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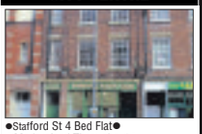

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True contender for best value

By Ian Donaldson

You might not be able to spell the company name properly (a double dose of S at the start and a capital Y in the middle don't help) but here is a car worth digging deeper into than the badge.

The new Tivoli (at least that part is easy enough, and has glamorous associations with Italy, Paris and Copenhagen) is the latest model from a Korean high value car maker that has decided it's time for a full frontal assault on the European car market.

In fact, SsangYong has been around since 1954 and has been selling inexpensive machines like the Rexton, Korando and Musso here for years, to people who like a lot for their money and don't mind if the car doesn't drive as well its (dearer) European rivals.

A few miles in the new Tivoli will make them sit up in surprise; here is a car that stays cheaper than rivals but looks thoroughly European inside and out and drives perfectly well enough to satisfy anyone short of a Lewis Hamilton wannabe.

Upping

Petrol powered Tivolis arrived earlier this year, with prices starting at £12,950 for an SE and stretching to £17,500 for the ELX with automatic transmission.

They all share the same 1.6 litre engine, good for 106mph and an official 44.1mpg average in manual geared form, and a £145 road tax bill because of its 149g/km tailpipe emissions.

Now comes the diesel, adding £1,250 to whichever trim level you choose but upping the average consumption to 65.7mpg and cutting road tax to zero in year one and a modest £30 thereafter, thanks to its 113g/km CO2 output.

Almost always with cars designed to be cheap to buy, the value in a range lies towards the bottom of the price list.

Not so here; there's good value at the entry point but later this year you'll be able to buy a Tivoli in top spec and four-wheel drive, with a diesel under the bonnet and automatic gearbox, for £19,500. That looks like a proper bargain.

The diesel engine is precisely the same 1.6 litre size as the petrol but produces 113bhp against the petrol's 126bhp but, as is the nature of the breed, there's lots more pulling power at many fewer revs.

On the road that translates into fewer gear changes and much better economy (the test drive showed 54mpg against 40mpg in the petrol Tivoli) but the extra weight over the front wheels made the diesel feel a little bit less responsive to the steering.

That's splitting hairs though, in a car that could comfortably carry a badge you could spell first time and not feel out of its depth.

The Tivoli's clean and chunky lines continue into the cabin, where there is much use of good quality materials and a mere £350 adds a smart red leather upgrade to the top spec car on test, topping off a list of kit that leaves precious little more to be added.

Included is a built in TomTom satellite navigation system that displays on a big 7 inch screen, alloy wheels, rear camera, keyless entry and starting, dual zone air conditioning and auto lights and wipers. There's enough room in the rear for a couple of big men and the boot is deep and evenly spaced and there's a space saver tyre on board, not a can of potentially useless gloop.

You will hardly feel shortchanged if you opt to enter the Tivoli range at the bottom, where the SE comes with alloys, cruise control and Bluetooth (from £12,950 remember) or opt for EX trim, from £14,600 which adds dual zone climate control, leather upholstery, heated front seats and touch screen with reversing camera.

So, the Tivoli is a bargain, but its a long way from the basement.

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RS4 – object of desire

There's are good reasons why younger riders are restricted to two-wheelers with limited power: but that doesn't mean they have to be dull.

That's certainly not an adjective you could apply to Aprilia's RS125, a sharply-styled replica of the Italian company's RSV4 superbike racing machine.

Indeed, at first glance it could easily be mistaken for a one-litre machine - until you notice the extra space in the frame where there's a single cylinder in place of the expected four. It's certainly a bike to attract envious glances from riders in their late teens and early 20s who make up the target market,

But it does borrow extensively from Aprilia's impressive record of producing world class racing machines in terms of technology, aerodynamics, chassis and handling.

At £4,571 it certainly isn't cheap for this class of bike, but you are getting a race-bred machine which will turn heads and put a smile on your face, albeit with the 15bhp power limit necessary for younger riders.

This restriction is a great leveller in performance terms, but as a subjective opinion the Aprilia has the edge in terms of style and handling.

It's light and very nimble, and with its super-slick six-speed gearbox is quite capable of reaching 65mph on level ground.

And it does it so well: even with just 125cc on tap, brisk acceleration produces a sporty bark rather than a strangled-by-the-exhaust gasp of less flamboyant machines. The single piston revs willingly up to the 10,500rpm limit.

Top gear is pitched fairly high, so smaller, lighter riders may get to use it more often than me. It's a useful dual carriageway cruising gear, helping to make the theoretical 270 mile range from the 3.5 gallon tank a reality.

The original, and hugely popular, RS4's two-stroke engine was replaced in 2011 by the current fuel injected four stroke to help meet stricter emissions regulations.

The RS 125 has a proud heritage, with a host of championship wins in its class in the hands of riders such as Biaggi, Stoner and Lorenzo and the development of the road-going replica's version has certainly reaped the benefits of lessons learned from the race machine's evolution.

One area in which it stands out is in braking: given the power restriction Aprilia hasn't skimped on the anchors with a 300mm disc and four piston calipers at the front, and a 218mm disc at the rear. The 17-inch wheels are shod with a generously-sized 100/80 tyre at the front and a 130/70 at the rear.

The chassis is also based on the racing machine: tough yet light for precise handling.

The test bike's single racing seat is a reasonably comfortable example of its kind, the pillion portion having been replaced by a colour-coded shell.

The forward riding position means you're low enough to benefit from the wind protection of the aerodynamic fairing, proving that its functional as well as an eye-catching piece of design/

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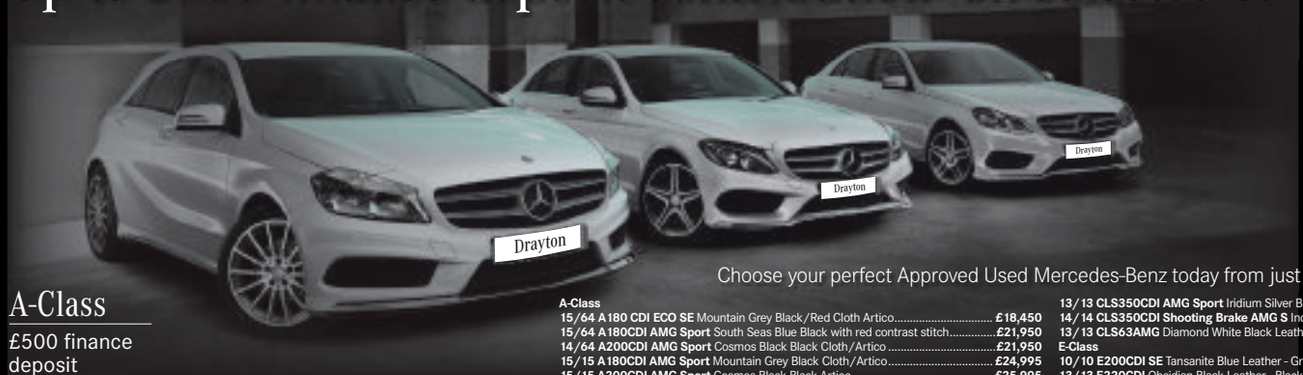

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Latest smart cabrio is three cars in one

By Sharon Walters

The countdown has started for the new fortwo cabrio, a particularly iconic variant of the new model series.

The open-top two-seater has its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show next week and will be available for ordering from mid-November with the first models reaching dealers in February 2016.

Three cars in one: at the touch of a button the new smart cabrio is transformed from a closed two-seater into a car with a large sliding canvas sunroof, or a fully fledged cabriolet with the soft top completely open. This enables the fresh air driving experience to be adapted to the weather or the driver's mood. This flexibility offered by the "tritop" folding soft top and the removable roof bars is a special feature – and not just in this segment. At the same time, the new smart cabrio is the only true cabriolet in its class.

Customers can choose between three different colours for the "tritop" fabric soft top: blue denim, red or black. The headlining is always grey. The removable roof bars that can be stowed in a compartment in the tailgate come in the tridion colour.

When the sun peeps out from behind the clouds, smart fortwo cabrio drivers can react quickly: the soft top can be opened automatically in 12 seconds – even when driving at top speed. The top can also be opened from outside the car by remote control.

Removing the side roof bars enables a full-blown cabrio experience. The roof bars can be stowed on the inside of the tailgate. This stowage compartment in the tailgate also offers additional stowage space for small items, for example fluorescent jacket, first-aid kit or warning triangle.

With an area of 1.8 m2 the "tritop" fabric soft top is approximately four percent larger than its predecessor. The outer covering is made of a particularly lightfast polyacrylic fabric and the inside features a polyester/cotton mix. There is a rubber layer in the middle. The soft top has a total thickness of 20 mm. The rear windscreen is heated and is made of glass.

The new smart fortwo cabrio is the most rigid smart cabrio ever. The torsional strength has been improved by around 15 per cent compared with the predecessor. The material mix comprises a high proportion of ultra-high strength hot-formed steels and maximum-strength multiphase steels.

'The soft top can be opened automatically in 12 seconds – even when driving at top speed.'

In addition, the cabrio has been specifically reinforced in decisive places in comparison to the coupé. The modifications include a large steel cross under the vehicle, two torsional bulkheads under the vehicle at the front and rear and an inner tube in the A-pillars made of high strength hot-formed steel.

As well as meeting the requirements of mandatory crash tests, the new smart fortwo cabrio – with a safety concept that includes the tridion safety cell typical of the brand for efficient energy absorption – also passes additional Mercedes-Benz crash tests that often have much stricter requirements. This includes the "roof-drop" test. Here the body falls at a slight angle from a height of 50 centimetres onto the roof structure and the vehicle hits one of the two A-pillars.

The new cabrio will initially be available with two state-of-the-art three-cylinder engines rated at 71 hp and 90 hp. Both engines can be combined with the five-speed manual transmission or the fully automatic twinamic dual clutch transmission.

Needless to say, the smart fortwo cabrio has the agility typical of the brand and turning manoeuvres are extremely simple.

In addition to the three lines passion, prime and proxy, customers can choose from a large range of safety and comfort features – including the new features added in the latest facelift such as smartphone integration with MirrorLink® (standard in combination with the smart Media-System) or the Urban Style package (including black wheel arch linings and lowering kit).

The high-quality interior of the smart fortwo cabrio corresponds to that of the closed variant with standard features including two sun visors with make-up mirrors, a centre console with drawer and coat hooks at the rear on the crossbar. A wind deflector is optionally available.

The interior styling is characterised by a "dynamic loop"

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C-Max offers most

By Ian Donaldson

Style seems to win most battles these days when a family decides more room is needed to keep the kids happy in the back of the car.

It's a victory often won by a big, tall bruiser of a car that looks ready for the urban jungle or a trip up the nearest mountain. An SUV in other words; something that adds a touch of the big outdoors to the daily grind.

But there is an alternative. It won't gather admiring glances at the school gates but it will almost certainly be cheaper to run, more practical and, if you're only moderately lucky, be much nicer to drive.

Which brings us to the latest version of the Ford Grand C-MAX, fresh from a mid-life makeover and about as trim as a sensible seven seater ever could, with Ford's handsome new grille (looking more than ever like an Aston Martin) and sharper style to the headlights, while Ford watching anoraks will spot a simpler look to the rear.

Inside, there is a hike in apparent quality of the materials you touch or look at, along with fewer switches and a big touch screen in the manner of the latest Ford Focus.

Under the bonnet the big news is the availability of a new 1.5 litre diesel engine that produces more power and fewer pollutants than the larger, 1.6 litre unit it replaces.

You can also choose from two versions of Ford's fine 1.0 litre EcoBoost petrol engine or a 2.0 litre diesel. Prices range from £20,295 to £27,615 and are £1,600 more than Ford asks for the smaller C-MAX, which looks a reasonable premium for the Grand C-MAX's third row of seats and the convenience of sliding rear doors in place of the conventionally opening pair on the 14cms (5.5 inches) shorter car.

Both models have more than 20 storage spaces scattered around the cabin, which should be quieter thanks to thicker side window glass, more absorbent seals on the tailgate and extra soundproofing under the bonnet, with extra attention paid to the diesel models.

Features

Depending on version, you will find as standard, or optional, safety features that include a blind spot information system, lane departure warning, traffic sign recognition and adaptive cruise control that can warn when you are too close to the vehicle in front.

But most Fords of recent years have stood out from the pack for the way they drive. It's not, as an engineer from a rival company once told me, that others could not make their cars nicer to drive, it's just that they had other priorities.

So good for Ford to find that the latest C-MAX and Grand C-MAX have been lightly breathed on to make them still better from behind the wheel, with gentle massaging of dampers, suspension bushes and power steering settings.

The result, with the new 118bhp diesel engine doing the work in a £23,145 Titanium spec Grand C-MAX is a car that drives like something much smaller and less accommodating of five adults plus a couple of growing children in the third row.

It is so much removed from the rock and roll lifestyle of a typical SUV as to feel like a car from another planet. A dashboard readout of 44mpg after a brisk outing was further proof that fun and family need not be mutually exclusive.

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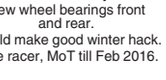

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
MIDLAND GAME FAIR
A5 WATLING STREET, WESTON UNDER LIZARD

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John Tradewell, Director of Law and Democracy
County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford. ST16 2LH

Ref: Midland Game Fair; Enquiries: 0300 111 8000

Date: 17 September 2015

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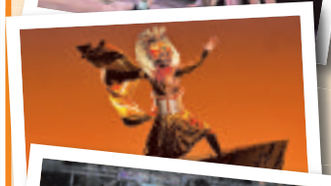

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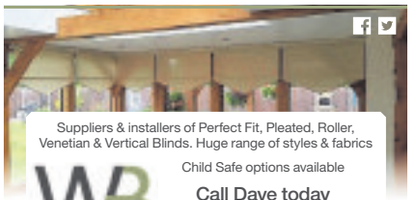

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£2m transfer cap claims dismissed by Jackett

BOSS Kenny Jackett has dismissed suggestions Wolves have imposed a £2million cap on transfer fees.

Some sections of the Molineux faithful had feared the head coach was under strict guidelines not to spend more than £2million on any one signing.

But the former Millwall gaffer has insisted that is not the case and revealed higher bids have been lodged.

"Talk of a £2million transfer cap is not right," he said. "In my time here we have bid more than that for players.

"We haven't been successful with those bids but we have bid more than that.

"There is no written rule. We want players that are young, hungry and have quality. But there is no specific limit on a particular transfer fee for one player."

Jackett is known to be on the lookout for a new striker following confirmation Nouha Dicko will be out for nine months with a cruciate knee ligament injury.

One of the players rumoured to be interesting the boss is Manchester United's James Wilson.

And while Jackett admits he is a fan, he would be surprised if Louis van Gaal let him out on loan.

One player who remains at the club is Rajiv van La Parra who saw a move to Championship rivals Leeds break down. Jackett says the winger has to now focus on winning a place back in the side.

"He has now got a chance to stake his claim," Jackett added.

"His attitude has been very good in training.

"Now he has to battle away and try to regain that first team place."

Tributes as Solanki calls it a day

Wolverhampton Vikram Solanki in action

WOLVERHAMPTON'S former England star Vikram Solanki has announced his retirement from cricket.

The 39-year-old former Wolverhampton CC, Worcestershire and Surrey batsman played in 51 one-day internationals and three Twenty20 internationals between 2000 and 2007.

He scored more than 18,000 first-class runs and added 11,000 in List A cricket during his career.

Solanki came to Wolverhampton from India aged eight with his family and went to Regis School, in Tettenhall.

Surrey director of cricket Alec Stewart said: "He has set very high standards throughout his time in the game, is a model professional and should be immensely proud of everything he has achieved."

Arthur Pickering, a long-serving junior coach at Wolverhampton Cricket Club, said: "Vikram was eight or nine when he joined us and you could tell that he was exceptionally talented right from the start. He should have had even more England caps, but his career at Worcestershire was exceptional."

He added: "I still think he has got a lot to offer the game.Vikram is such a good commentator.

"He'd certainly have a lot to offer on the media side and he is a great ambassador for the game because he is such a gentleman."

"I am not sure what his ambitions are now but he'd certainly be a good coach too."

Defender insists he was not Stear-ed out

WOLVES old boy Richard Stearman insists he did not feel 'forced out' following his surprise move to Fulham.

The 28-year-old Player of the Year's Molineux exit – for around £2m – was met with dismay by supporters. But Stearman claims to never feeling as though he was being made to leave.

"Fulham put a bid in. Wolves accepted it," he said. "That's pretty much how it was put to me."

Responding to the suggestion that Wolves fans were upset at his abrupt Molineux exit, he added: "That's nice to hear – certainly the way I'd prefer to leave rather than being forced out of the door and not wanted.

"I'd built up a great affinity with the club and I've got a lot of friends there.

"But I'm looking forward to starting a new chapter with Fulham and I can't wait to get started."

Stearman's exit has left Wolves with a youthful backline.

But boss Kenny Jackett has every faith in the likes of young guns Dominic Iorfa, Kortney Hause and Ethan Ebanks-Landell, who are all aged under 22.

Meanwhile, striker Benik Afobe has claimed he has 'unfinished business' at Wolves this season after the club rejected three bids from Norwich last month.

He was asked during an impromptu question and answer session with supporters on Twitter whether he was ever tempted to leave during the summer.

Afobe replied: "Tempting when a Prem team comes calling but I've got unfinished business at @OfficialWolves!"

New Serena on the block nets five titles

WOLVERHAMPTON Lawn Tennis & Squash Club had reasons to celebrate after hosting the Staffordshire County Tennis Championships.

The club's Henry Parocki won the men's open singles title, while the club was also selected to host next year's championships.

Parocki had earlier won the men's open title with a 2-1 victory over Bloxwich's George Foster. He triumphed 6-0, 6-7(5), 6-3 to take the title, having won the Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis Club men's singles title and being part of the club's Premier League team winners.

Penn's Serena Gill, of David Lloyd Dudley, tasted success like her famous namesake Williams, scoring a quintet of trophies. She defeated Wolverhampton's Catherine Lea 6-0, 6-3 in the women's singles and beat her sister Sofie by the same score in the Under-18s. In the Under-16s final, she triumphed 6-0, 6-0 against Isabelle Hickinbottam. She and Sofie then defeated Lea and Jo Webb in the women's doubles final 6-3, 6-4 while she triumphed in the Under-18 mixed doubles alongside Tipton's Jake Lawley, beating James Portman and Sofie Gill 7-5, 6-1.

The open men's doubles title was won by Draycott duo Elliott Farmer and Jack Redfern, 6-2, 6-4 over Wolverhampton's Paul Hodgetts and Thomas Hole of the Albert Lawn Tennis Club.

Hodgetts and Emily Southall won the open mixed doubles, 6-2, 6-2 over Sofie Gill and Matthew Hingley. Wall Heath's Brad Jones was the Over-45s men's singles champion, beating Julian Fisher 6-4, 6-4.

Elise Dennis won Under-12s and Under-14s girls singles, while Harrison Birch and Elliott Farmer won the Under-18s boys doubles.

Jake Lawley of Tipton Sports Academy won the Under-16 boys singles, Jamie Crothers was the Under-14s champion, and Lichfield's Ben Ledson-Perry took the Under-12s title.

Bloxwich's George Foster, who plays for Sutton Coldfield, won the Under-18s boys division while Jack Triptree and Anna Coghlan won the Under-10 mixed doubles.

Elise Dennis and Eloise Yates were Under-14 girls doubles winners, Jamie Crothers and Rohan Thawait won the Under-14s boys doubles. Anna Coghlan was the Under-10 girls champion while Wolverhampton's Henry Trump won the boys Under-10s singles, Steven McHale won the boys Under-9s singles and Josh Coghlan the Under-8s boys.

Girls Under-8s and 9s singles winners were Shaune Cameron-Douglas and Cadey Morgan respectively.

Serena Gill, aged 16 from Penn, who won five title

Mens seniors winner Brad Jones from Dudley

Under 18's mens winner George Foster, aged 16

Mens singles winner, club member Henry Parocki

Karate trio in competition for country

THREE karate students from Willenhall are to represent England at a major international tournament in Budapest.

Emmy Knight, aged 12, Megan Williams, 14, and 11-year-old Reece Chand, have been selected for the national team taking part in the Wadokai European Championships in Hungary on October 31. The Sakura Karate Academy trio will ompete in kata competitions.

Knight contesting both individual and team kata events in the 12-13 age division. Williams will target team and individual glory in the 14-15 division while Chand will be in action in the individual 10-11 group.

Becky Knight, chief instructor, and mother of Emmy, said: "It is the first time that we have had three students selected for England and it is a very proud moment."

Training for the Sakura Karate Academy, based at CFD trading Estate, takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visit www.sakurakarateacademy.co.uk

A big season ahead says ace Karlsson

CLUB legend Peter Karlsson admits 2016 is a big season for the Wolverhampton Wolves.

The Parrys International Wolves wrapped up their Elite League programme with two home defeats at the hands of Belle Vue and Leicester in a double header.

And PK knows fans will expect a vast improvement when the tapes rise on a new campaign next March.

He said: "We are in it to win it every year like every team, and after the last two years we really need next season to be much better.

"We've done it before here, we've bounced back from disappointing seasons to do well and I don't see any reason why we can't do it again.

"This season has been tough on everyone, like I say we just haven't been good enough and when you are all trying your best but keep struggling it's not a nice feeling.

"To do well you have to have some bad seasons sometimes, you have to take the highs and the lows, and we hope next year we can be back on a high again."

Steelmen let the lead slip to settle for draw

Bilston 1 Wolverhampton SC 1

A superb late save by Luke Kriskinans enabled Bilston to claim a West Midlands Premier point.

In fact the Town shot-stopper denied Jake Healy twice in the closing stages to take MoM acclaim.

The Steelmen opened the scoring with a slice of good fortune on the half-hour.

Three deflections saw the ball drop kindly to Thomas Piggott who reacted quickly to take the ball round keeper Luke Stevens and fire home.

Sporting were deservedly back on level terms following some neat football. Liam Cain curled a glorious effort off the Bilston crossbar and a foul as players converged on the rebound saw a penalty which Scott Cooper tucked away.

Blues boss impressed with Donaldson

Birmingham 4 Bristol City 2

Football

BIRMINGHAM boss Gary Rowett was full of praise for striker Clayton Donaldson after his impressive hat-trick paved the way for a 4-2 win over struggling Bristol City.

Under the astute guidance of Rowett, Blues have emerged as one of the surprise packages so far and this latest win took them into fourth spot in the Championship as they maintained their unbeaten start to the season.

Rowett said: "Clayton has worked so hard since I walked through the door. They were his first goals of the season and he has been on a team which has not lost in the league or the cup. We have got other players to score from different areas but I was really pleased for him as he took his first two goals so well."

Rowett is not allowing anyone to get carried away after a superb start to the campaign.

He added: "We have followed on from last season. We have won the last three games and in our last 10 matches we have won eight and drawn two. That is an excellent record.

"We are really humble and no-one is getting carried away. We have shown we can play consistently as we have proved over the last 40 games.

"Our current record is play-off form but we have to continue working hard. We are pleased but we have to remain humble."

Rowett added: "I was really pleased with the performance, particularly for the first 60 minutes.

"After that we allowed the game to become a little too open. I think this was due to Bristol's formation and the way they tried to attack.

Gamble

"We took a little bit of gamble with our tactics by playing our wingers higher up the pitch. We felt that this could give their wing-backs a problems. We got a little reward for these tactics. We pressed the ball higher up the pitch and got our just rewards.

"Where I felt we could have done better was their two goals as we were a little open."

Donaldson took full advantage of Bristol City's defensive shortcomings to go on a goalscoring spree.

He scored twice before Jonathan Kodjia gave Bristol City hope of getting back into the game with a close-range finish. But Donaldson was on hand to convert a 40th-minute penalty to restore Birmingham's two-goal advantage, and after Kodjia notched his second goal in the 66th minute, a fine header from Jonathan Grounds deflated the Robins.

Bristol City boss Steve Cotterill said: "I was somewhat frustrated. We created enough chances to have won. We definitely feel hard done by with the penalty. It was a big moment in the game for us just after we had hit the post.

"It was never a penalty. It was actually a booking. The referee must have been the only person in the ground who thought it was a penalty.

"I'm frustrated because I feel we conceded soft goals. We created enough chances but we've got to take them."

Cotterill feels his new-look defence will eventually settle as they adjust to life in a higher division.

Cotterill said: "I wish they had the belief in themselves that I have in them. But it might take a little while for the penny to drop.

"I don't think they will become demoralised. It would have been easy to give up when it was 3-1 but they came back and kept going."

Youngsters set to smash it on court

PUPILS will be smashing shuttles as part of the youth badminton initiative SmashUp!.

More than 1,500 schools across the country host weekly sessions as ruling body Badminton England looks to take the sport to a younger fanbase.

The SmashUp! roadshow is visiting Westcroft Sports and Applied Learning College, Essington (part of the University of Wolverhampton) on September 29, as part of a nationwide tour of 18 secondary and middle schools.

Julia Strong, National Game Director at Badminton England, said: "SmashUp! has proved hugely popular since its launch a few years ago."

To follow the tour and get connected, visit badmintonengland.co.uk/racketheads.

Bragging rights go to West Midlands

THE West Midlands return to their own turf for their first home game next month after opening the season with a win at Staffordshire in the BDO British Inter-Counties Championship Division Two.

The West Midlands who emerged with local bragging rights and a 20-16 victory, after two days of darts at the White Eagle Club in Riverway, Stafford.

Staffordshire paid the price for losing the ladies 'B' affair, where they were beaten 5-1. Roz Henry's 3-0 whitewash of Claire Hobbs was their sole reply. Kirsty Shaughnessy top scored on the other side but still had to battle for victory, 3-2 over Karen Turner.

There was no separating either of the men's teams, starting when the two 'B' sides played out a 6-6 draw.

The hosts squandered a 4-0 lead and then had to come from 6-4 down to level.

Gary Watts helped spark the West Midlands' resurgence, pulling it back to 3-2 with a 3-1 verdict over Dave Moores.

Staffordshire's failure to get over the line cost them again in the ladies 'A' standings, conceding 2-0 and 3-2 leads, despite 3-0 shut-outs from Terry Selman and Diane Tolley. Sarah Roberts began the West Midlands' response with a 3-1 success over Sarah Cope.

It all came down to the men's 'A' finale where Staffordshire battled back from a 3-1 deficit to lead 4-3, then sharing games all the way through to 6-6. Staffordshire's Steve Mason secured the draw by downing Mark Rollinson 4-2.

West Midlands' Sean Carroll scored a 4-2 over Steven Shenton.

Batth gets closer to team return

Danny Batth of Wolves back from injury

WOLVES captain Danny Batth is nearing a first-team comeback after returning to action.

Batth played for an hour in a goalless under-21 clash against Black Country rivals West Bromwich Albion at Molineux. He appeared to come through the game unscathed.

The 24-year-old centre-half has been sidelined since April with a stress fracture to his foot.

But he is on track for a first-team return this month, as predicted by boss Kenny Jackett. And with Wolves yet to keep a clean sheet this season, his comeback will be welcomed. Batth Tweeted: "Good to be back on the grass today! Felt good, missed playing so much."

Batth is likely to need another couple of games before he is considered for first-team action.

With the under-21s not back in action until Monday, September 21, away at Swansea, Wolves may look to arrange a behind-closed-doors friendly in the coming week.

Aaron McCarey, Sylvain Deslandes and Jordan Graham also featured in the match, as did England Under-17 international Niall Ennis.

Winger Graham praised Batth's performance.

He said: "Tough 0-0 to take when we created so much! Buzzing for Danny Batth looked like he'd never been out! So composed!."

And Deslandes added: "Disappointed for the result."

Weekend of mixed fortunes for Beacon

Tales From The Bratch

BEACON endured a weekend of mixed emotions as they closed out the summer.

Saturday saw a final day push for title glory prove just beyond the boys from The Bratch as a home draw against Hammerwich enabled Lichfield to clinch the Staffs Clubs Premier Division crown and a place in the Birmingham League.

But Beacon bounced back 24 hours later as their firsts completed a Worcestershire Sunday League and T20 double while their title-winning second XI were beaten in the final of their.

Needing to win the cash with Hammerwich to guarantee the title, Beacon were left frustrated as the visitors batted out to finish on 167-6 in reply to the hosts' 207-9, which was built around half-centuries from Dan Green, Zak Smith and 45 not out from Jason Swan.

The third team tasted defeat in their final Staffs Clubs outing as they went down by 46 runs at home to Cannock.

Andy Green and Archie Harris bagged two wickets each as Cannock made 196-6. Beacon were then dismissed for 150 in reply.

Sunday's exploits lifted some of the doom and gloom at the club with both Beacon sides impressing in the finals day at Bromsgrove.

Smith took 3-18 and Michael Hartwell 2-22 as Beacon's first restricted Worcester to 150-6 in their semi-final clash.

An unbeaten 33 from Dan Green then saw Beacon to a last-ball success with three wickets and three balls to spare. The final proved to be a more comfortable affair as Beacon cruised to a 104-run victory over hosts Bromsgrove.

Villa outfoxed as lead slips away

Leicester 3 Villa 2

NATHAN Dyer's brave late header completed a remarkable comeback by Leicester as they climbed to second place in the Premier League table with a 3-2 home win against Villa.

The Foxes looked like losing their unbeaten start to the season after a couple of wonderful curling efforts from Jack Grealish, his first goal for Villa, and Carles Gil put the visitors in the driving seat.

But goals from Ritchie De Laet, whose effort was given with the aid of goal-line technology, Jamie Vardy and substitute Dyer, making his debut following his loan arrival from Swansea during the international break, saw Claudio Ranieri's men snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Winger Dyer remained on the ground for a couple of minutes after clattering into goalkeeper Brad Guzan when heading the 89th-minute clincher, but eventually got to his feet to take the acclaim.

There was a let-off for Leicester early on when Gil sent Gabriel Agbonlahor racing clear and his low cross to the far post was just beyond the reach of Scott Sinclair, who at full stretch poked the ball wide.

Shrugged

The Foxes also had an early chance when Wes Morgan shrugged off Jordan Amavi to meet Marc Albrighton's cross but powered his header over the crossbar.

Grealish spurned a terrific chance to give Villa the lead in the 24th minute when he steered his shot straight at Kasper Schmeichel. But when presented with a similar opportunity just before half-time, the youngster did not make the same error.

Leicester struggled to clear a corner and the ball bobbled around a crowded penalty area before breaking to the edge of the box where Grealish curled home a lovely right-footed shot beyond a possibly unsighted Schmeichel.

The sheer joy on Grealish's face was there for all to see.

Midway through the second half Leicester had a big shout for a penalty turned down when Vardy's burst into the box was halted.

Medal success Dunn and dusted

Brownhills athlete Jarryd Dunn eyes his Beijing bronze, which he says is now sinking in

TEAM GB relay bronze medallist Jarryd Dunn is still on cloud nine after getting the taste of sweet success at the World Athletics Championships in China.

The University of Wolverhampton sports science graduate student took on the third leg in the 4x400m final in a time of 44.9secs in the squad also featuring Rabah Yousif, Delano Williams and anchor Martyn Rooney. They pipped Jamaica to the line. The 23-year-old, from Brownhills, competes for Birchfield Harriers along with his brother Elliot, 16, who also likes the 400m discipline.

Dunn, who went to Shelfield Community School, said: "The whole experience has been really amazing. The bronze medal win is starting to sink in now.

"It's been a manic week, but having friends and family around me is keeping me well and truly grounded. When I came home one of the first things I had to do was my car's MoT, then my brother needed a lift to his sixth form interview. So reality is setting in."

He was also full of praise for his mother Tracey, brother Oliver, 18, and his long-term coach Keith Holt. "I've been really fortunate," he said. "He's been like a father figure to me."

Bowater back in the ring for town hall bout

WOLVERHAMPTON boxer Sid Bowater is in action when Black Country Boxing returns to Walsall Town Hall on October 3. The welterweight takes on Frankie Greeves.

West Bromwich middleweight Tom Stokes makes a welcome return against Hull's Luke Allon while fellow West Bromwich fighters, heavyweight Matt Gordon and super featherweight Jack Summers are also back in the ring where they sealed a debut win.

Birmingham featherweight, Paul 'The Incredible' Holt tops 'The Avengers' show. The 24 year-old takes on Swindon's Joe Beeden over six rounds.

Completing the line-up are debutants Luke Walker and Leon Brown. Wolverhampton light heavyweight, Brown, debuts against fellow Hull's, Andy Neylon.

Jackett stands by his decision in face of loss

KENNY Jackett has defended his team selection for the 2-1 defeat at Bolton on Saturday – and insists the 'transitional' team are not far off a winning run.

Wolves are 16th in the table after the opening six matches, which Jackett admitted was a frustration.

But after an unsettling two months with the departure of Richard Stearman, several new arrivals and the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Benik Afobe and Kevin McDonald, the Wolves boss is hoping for some consistency from his young side. However he was unrepentant regarding his Bolton selection, despite attracting criticism from many supporters.

"No I don't think necessarily there's any one area where I wish I'd done this or that," he said of the Bolton defeat.

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A mixture of dogged defending and clinical finishing brought a superb reward for the Lockmen.

Injuries and availability issues again reduced the squad for this West Midlands Premier match.

Willenhall started on the attack but were hit by a sucker punch on 16 minutes when a cross from the left found the unmarked Tom Connolly to head perfectly into the top-left corner, giving emergency keeper Craig Sudlow no chance.

Willenhall had a couple of near-misses from free-kicks, but the home side were generally in charge.

However, the visitors levelled on 36 minutes. Danny Hemmings won a crunching tackle to keep possession, strode forward and met Eddie Wilson's pass to slide his effort in via the far post.

After the break saw more of the same, The home side attacked but were either tackled or lost possession in and around the box and a succession of crosses were either claimed comfortably or headed away apart from one Connolly header which flew high over.The Lockmen meanwhile were quick on the counter and were creating chances throughout, One was finally taken when on 73 minutes a quick Kieran Robinson throw-in was flicked on by Matt Dorgan and skipper Paul Holden fired the loose ball home.

Wilson's fine 25 yard lob on the run caught out the keeper but drifted wide before he scored the third on 83 minutes when he finished after Robinson's cross found Dorgan and his deft touch found the young winger. A corner was then poked home by Holden for his second and Willenhall's fourth.

Kenny's challenge to McDonald to win his team spot back

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett challenged midfielder Kevin McDonald to win his place back after surprisingly dropping the Scot for Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Bolton.

McDonald travelled north to the Macron Stadium but wasn't even named as a substitute, with George Saville preferred on the bench.

The 26-year-old is out of contract next summer and has publicly expressed his dissatisfaction about the offer Wolves have put on the table. It led to the 'unsettled' midfielder being left out of a pre-season game at Burton.

However, Jackett insisted McDonald was left out purely on his recent form.

"I decided to play only two of the three midfield players I've been playing," Jackett said. "With the return to fitness of Wallace, Nathan Byrne coming into the group, I went for two of the three midfield players and then genuine wide players.

"It's been a tough period for Kevin, with those very well-publicised contract negotiations. It was unfortunately him that was left out on the form of Conor Coady and David Edwards."

Bannister has Wulfs on the rails

Craig Bannister

Sporting Khalsa 3 AFC Wulfrunians 2

Football

SPORTING Khalsa progressed to the second qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time after a pulsating game against Staffordshire neighbours AFC Wulfrunians.

It was the introduction of hat-trick hero Craig Bannister and Michael Nelson just after the hour that effectively turned the game.

Although Wulfrunians finished the game with 10 men after the dismissal late on of Danny Tipton in the lead up to what proved the decisive goal, but Tipton should have seen red within a minute when he brought down Marvin Nisbett in the area, the referee giving a goal kick after weighing up the consequences of giving the foul. The opening stages were low on clear-cut chances until Ben Jevons neatly headed home a brilliant Jake Sedgemoore free kick on 33 minutes.

Within minutes of the restartTes Robinson's far post header was cleared off the line.

Enter Nelson and Bannister a move that totally shifted the balance.

Nelson made his mark, picking up the ball on the left, beating three men and feeding Bannister to score.

With nine minutes to go, Bannister grabbed his second.

Bannister completed his hat-trick from the spot .

Wulfrunians grabbed a late goal from Chatterjee.

STILL GRIM UP NORTH WOLVES

Bolton 2 Wolves 1

THERE is a lot wrong with Wolves at the moment.

Yet this result should not have come as the slightest of surprises, given their quite ridiculous record at the Reebok/MacronStadium.

In 10 league visits since Bolton left Burnden Park in 1997, Wolves have yet to win in this part of Lancashire, with a Robbie Keane-inspired (yes it was that long ago) victory in the FA Cup a break from the status quo.

And with Bolton having merely scored a solitary goal in their seven matches so far this season, Wolves supporters of a certain vintage knew exactly what was coming.

The fact the home team's goals were handed to them on a plate by naive defensive mistakes was also not the biggest of shocks.

Wolves' inadequacies are becoming easier to foresee, and that is of huge concern to a head coach whose decision-making is facing more scrutiny than at any other time in his tenure.

Formula

Jackett is arguably trying too hard to find that winning formula.

He took Charlton's winning team and made three changes, one enforced by Nouha Dicko's unfortunate absence, the other two of the head-scratching variety.

Carl Ikeme was unceremoniously jettisoned yet again, despite his impressive and confidence-boosting form for Nigeria, while Kevin McDonald was nowhere to be seen, left off the bench despite having travelled with the squad. One of his changes paid off, with Emiliano Martinez producing his best Wolves performance.

The other, plumping for David Edwards in McDonald's place, did not. Edwards was surprisingly poor and Wolves were outplayed in midfield, old-boy Mark Davies giving the kind of magical all-action display he hinted at but never delivered at Molineux.

Through James Henry, Benik Afobe and Adam le Fondre, Wolves possessed enough quality to carve out a number of chances, and on another day, with a lot of luck, a point would have been theirs.

Jed Wallace, too, showed promise despite a lack of fitness, and Wolves played some good football and showed good spirit late on, when other teams would have waned. But Bolton created the better opportunities and were good value for their first victory of the season.

The worry for Wolves is that, while their attacking prowess will grow when Jackett adds a loan striker and gets closer to finding the elusive midfield formula, there is little he can do about the defence.

He has been handed a very raw deal by the increasingly-baffling sale of Richard Stearman and, as much as he can toe the party line about promising youngsters, Jackett knows the mistakes displayed here will continue. Danny Batth will return soon, but until he does Jackett still only has five senior defenders to choose from, and to call Dominic Iorfa, Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Kortney Hause senior is pushing it somewhat.

The average age of the back five here was 23. Protected primarily by 22-year-old Conor Coady.

All good players, all potentially very good players.

But potential does not equal promotion.

And as Jackett continually admits, errors will happen when you have young players. He called them naive after this defeat, and it is hard to envisage that being eradicated any time soon.

Wolves' Benik Afobe is kept under close supervision by Bolton's Derik Osede

Afobe is on a mission with Wolves

BENIK Afobe has pledged his future to Wolves – and declared he has unfinished business with the club.

The striker was last month the subject of three rejected bids from Premier League Norwich City, including one of £10million.

Afobe admitted it had been a 'difficult' few weeks and that the lure of Premier League football was an attractive one.

But he reaffirmed his desire to be in the top flight with Wolves next season.

"It's been a difficult few weeks," former Arsenal striker Afobe said. "I've tried to keep out of it. I've let my dad – who is my agent – sort it all out. It's the first time it's ever happened to me in my career. You put Sky Sports on and see yourself on breaking news.

"You've got training the next day, the boys are having a bit of banter with you and it's hard, because all I want to do it play with a smile on my face and enjoy my football.

"Now it's all over, I'm happy I'm still here and I've got unfinished business ."

Afobe, who scored his fourth goal of the season in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Bolton, was also believed to have attracted the interest of Newcastle United. Was he interested in a move to Norwich?

"It was just a case of getting my head down," the 22-year-old said. "Every player wants to play in the Premier League, I'm not going to stand here and say I didn't want to play in the Premier League, but it's about the right time and the right place.

"I've only been at Wolves for six months and I definitely believe I need to stay here and play from the beginning of the season, with Wolves, and give ourselves the best shot of playing in the Premier League next season."

Ikeme debut was 'dream come true'

WOLVES keeper Carl Ikeme has described playing for Nigeria as a 'dream come true' after being widely lauded for his international debut.

The 29-year-old has been hailed as the long-term successor to Vincent Enyeama, after keeping a clean sheet in the Super Eagles' African Cup of Nations qualifier with Tanzania.

Sutton Coldfield-born Ikeme has now set his sights on appearing for Nigeria at the African Cup of Nations and the World Cup.

"All I can say is it was indeed a great feeling putting on that jersey for Nigeria and a dream come true for me."

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